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MALLYA LOSES UK APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO COVER LEGAL FEES

Fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya on Wednesday lost an appeal to gain further access to court-held funds to cover his costs for legal proceedings in India, as a High Court judge in London concluded that he had failed to provide sufficient evidence in support of the over 750,000 pounds being sought. During a hearing of the Chancery Division, Justice Robert Miles handed down his judgment in favour of a consortium of Indian banks led by the SBI.

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12,000+ Schools	6,300+ Vocationally Trained	47 Lac Patients Received Free Treatment	5,000 Villages	100+ Patents Awarded / Published	10,00,000+ Field Hours
54,000 Teachers Trained			10 Lac Targetted Beneficiaries	₹350 Crores in Research Income	50+ International Partners
4,500 Colleges					

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The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/06/2021 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

HASSAN, ARSIKERE, 121010730029946, SAVITHRAMMA, 7617/-, STUD 2, 121010730030048, SACHIN, 145037/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,CHAIN 1, 0083, SANTHOSH B R, 17449/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2, 0099, ALKURAMMA, 14053/-, STUD 2, 0100, MADAN KUMAR, 10720/-, STUD 2, 0169, JAGADEESH A M, 15309/-, CHAIN 1, 0219, RUDRESH, 33936/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 6, BANGALORE, ASWATH NAGAR, 112120700023849, RAJ KUMAR RUNJULA, 16686/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3927, SATHISH SHETTY, 24688/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3986, CHINNA DORAI, 13988/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4101, RAGHAVENAMMA, 29992/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 4197, LAKSHMANA, 59115/-, FINGER RINGS 4, 4269, POORNIMA KRISHNAN, 696308/-, BABY BANGLES 12,CHAIN 2,NECKLACE 1, 4600, GOHRIMATHI, 15000/-, CHAIN 1, 4607, MUTHYALAMMA N, 88000/-, CHAIN 2, 4611, RAVI, 23747/-, FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 2, 4630, CHARLES RAJ, 99999/-, BANGLE 3, 4658, MINOTI DALLUI, 50000/-, CHAIN 1, 4662, VIJAY KUMAR V, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4665, SATHISH SHETTY, 32761/-, LOCKET 1, 4694, DIPANKAR BHOWMICK, 65000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 4695, DIPANKAR BHOWMICK, 22713/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4701, KAVITHA RAJ, 37000/-, CHAIN 1, 4702, KAVITHA RAJ, 54440/-, CHAIN 2, 4720, KAVITHA H N, 28000/-, CHAIN 1, 4723, MINOTI DALLUI, 27500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4731, SUDIP BHOWMICK, 362705/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 2, 4737, SYED JUNAID, 5400/-, STUD 2, 112120730005725, ATIKAM SRINIVAS, 137013/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 5826, RAMAKRISHNAIAH A, 77241/-, NECKLACE 1, 5851, RAMAKRISHNAIAH A, 22888/-, MATTI 2,STUD 2, 5927, MANIKANDAN.K, 38922/-, CHAIN 1, 5949, PREMJEET KUMAR, 81147/-, NECKLACE 1, 5992, LOKANATH RAJU M G, 195400/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 2,MATTI 2, 6052, AMARNATH M, 238533/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2,NECKLACE 2, 6058, HARSHITA KHEMKA, 169425/-, BABY BANGLES 2,BANGLE 1,CHAIN 1,LOCKET 2,STUD 4, 6060, VEERESH SHEKAR, 40683/-, CHAIN 1, 6132, YOGESHWARI R, 122586/-, MATTI 2,NECKLACE 1, 6152, VEERESH SHEKAR, 81762/-, BRACELET 1, 6197, HARSHENDRA S, 70389/-, CHAIN 1, 6200, DIPPAK BASAVARAJ, 106820/-, CHAIN 1, 6239, NAVEEN KUMAR, 52275/-, CHAIN 1, 6643, MADHUMATHI A, 49855/-, CHAIN 1, 6644, MADHUMATHI A, 35876/-, CHAIN 1, 6666, YAKOOB, 123360/-, DROPS & STUD 10,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 6671, AVINASH, 34000/-, CHAIN 1, 6688, VIDYA ASANTHA FEMANDIS, 89911/-, CHAIN 2, 6691, BABU, 9558/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6698, ABDUL RAZAK, 14495/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6702, PRAVEEN KUMAR V, 30000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6715, BANAKARA ASHOK, 18936/-, DROPS & STUD 2,EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6716, BANAKARA ASHOK, 101339/-, CHAIN 1, 6725, KABILAN V, 210188/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 6727, KABILAN V, 209815/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,NECKLACE 1, 6742, VEERESH SHEKAR, 41762/-, CHAIN 1, 6745, SUNIL RAIKAR, 15227/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6748, NARESH BABU, 14313/-, STUD 2, 6750, MAHATESHA C S, 64484/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 6766, PRASHNATH KUMAR K V, 16590/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6770, CHITTAKALYAN, 6964/-, STUD 2, 6771, RAVICHANDRA A, 11652/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6772, RAVICHANDRA A, 42310/-, DROPS 2,STUD 4, 6773, RAVICHANDRA A, 15521/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6774, RAVICHANDRA A, 6968/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6805, SUVARNA G, 100223/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 4,MATTI 1, 6829, KAVITHA H N, 35300/-, FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2,STUD 2, 6830, KAVITHA H N, 54910/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 2, 6845, ALTAF KA, 33056/-, DROPS & STUD 2,LOCKET 1, 6847, CHANDRASHEKHARA, 172250/-, BABY BANGLES 2,BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 10,FINGER RINGS 2, 6849, CHANDRASHEKHARA, 148000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 6851, CHANDRASHEKHARA, 77990/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 6853, CHANDRASHEKHARA, 126260/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 6884, MADHU MM, 26666/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6890, SRINIVAS REDDY B, 35952/-, LOCKET 1, 6891, SRINIVAS REDDY B, 21577/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6893, ALTAF KA, 21523/-, DROPS & STUD 2, BANGALORE, ATTIBELE, 107610700035408, SUBHRA JYOTHI DAS, 7978/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5566, RADHA N, 99311/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 5578, SHERLY MARIA CHRISTY SEBASTIANAPPAN, 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6246, LLIYAZ, 24000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6250, SHIVA, 8789/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6254, SHIVAKUMAR L, 40000/-, BRACELET 1, 6267, SADASHIVAREDDY, 8500/-, STUD 2, 6268, IRFAN, 9000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6273, SHASHI, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6275, MANOJ K, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6276, SRINIVAS, 26000/-, CHAIN 1, 6278, UMASHANKAR, 132660/-, CHAIN 1, 6286, PRABHU, 85000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1, 107610730010550, MADANAGIRIYAPPA, 23011/-, DROPS 2,MATTI 2, 0551, MADANAGIRIYAPPA, 7229/-, STUD 2, 0739, AKILESH V, 15077/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0787, AKILESH V, 46765/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 0847, AKILESH V, 21018/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0879, PARTHACHODHARI, 18178/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 0880, PARTHACHODHARI, 20710/-, STUD 2, 0881, RAKESH MMOHAPATRA, 82105/-, DROPS & STUD 2,MATTI 2,NECKLACE 1, 0987, GIRISH, 124209/-, BANGLE 2,CHAIN 1, 0988, GIRISH, 122200/-, NECKLACE 1, 1089, NANDINI N, 7528/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1359, MANJUNATH R, 31293/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1441, SANTHOSH V T, 133500/-, CHAIN 1, 1609, THIPPE SWAMY, 18534/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1610, THIPPE SWAMY, 5681/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1771, NANDINI N, 15285/-, CHAIN 1, 1835, K SREENIVASULU, 17045/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 1918, RAMAMANI, 22197/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 4, 2013, BASAVARAJA GH, 17317/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3279, MUNIRAJU P, 19055/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 3364, KIRAN B C, 8976/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3610, RANGASWAMY BV, 104900/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 3, 3627, MUNIYAPPA, 11533/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3628, MUNIYAPPA, 12116/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3653, SUNDAR SARDAR, 32284/-, BANGLE 1, 3654, SUNDAR SARDAR, 22841/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3693, VARALAKSHMI, 19979/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, 3698, AMBARISH M, 10388/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3728, KANTHAMMA, 5434/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3818, VIGNESH KUMAR, 12658/-, CHAIN 1, 3819, VIGNESH KUMAR, 18575/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 3841, PAVITHRA, 10500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3859, KALAPPA KAMMAR, 35492/-, CHAIN 1, 3880, MANJUNATH N, 28620/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3937, MANJUNATHA.K.S, 111310/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS 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23000/-, DROPS 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 6153, K PARAMESHA, 4400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6218, BABU R, 9900/-, MATTI 2, 6228, NAGARAJA, 14568/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6233, CHAMAN SINGH R, 103706/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 2,LOCKET 1, 6241, NARAYANA SWAMY.K, 17800/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6243, SHIVARAJ KUMAR S, 9200/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6254, PAVITHRA B V, 47000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 6287, RAJU M, 42307/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 6313, NANJUNDAPPA, 29000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6347, ANJINEYAPPA, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6355, NARAYANASWAMY N, 11000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6376, THIMMARAJU, 31500/-, CHAIN 1, 6378, SASIKUMAR R, 16062/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6384, NARAYANAMMA, 13000/-, DROPS 2, 6436, MANJUNATH, 16000/-, STUD 2, 6444, CHALAPATHACHAR R, 29500/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6471, MUNEGOWDA M, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6486, RAJA K, 18995/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6497, DHARANESH, 80446/-, CHAIN 1, 6518, KRISHNAPPA S, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6529, SHAINY, 18018/-, CHAIN 1, 6530, VINODH KUMAR B R, 8251/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6540, ANANDA MK, 12000/-, CHAIN 1, 7107, ANNAIAH, 399400/-, BANGLE 4,NECKLACE 2, 7258, HARISH S, 85778/-, DROPS 2,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 5, 7280, HARI K, 124992/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 7317, BABUVARAHES, 17995/-, BANGLE 1, 7331, KIRAN M, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7340, PRAKASH, 264264/-, FINGER RINGS 3,NECKLACE 2, 7343, RAJU, 37000/-, CHAIN 1, 7350, SIDDALINGA, 69700/-, CHAIN 1, 7355, NAGARAJ NAYAK, 29935/-, CHAIN 1, 7361, RAGHUNATHA V, 29982/-, DROPS & STUD 10,FINGER RINGS 1, 7369, NAWAJ, 8618/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7386, ARMUGAM M, 15000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7396, PAVITHRA A, 18999/-, CHAIN 1, 7408, RAJU, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7417, AJAY KUMAR, 70000/-, CHAIN 1, 7427, SHIVA P V, 19500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7452, SWAMY S, 10057/-, DROPS 2, 7459, VANIL KUMAR R, 29000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7463, SHEIK ALLABAGASH, 29000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 7464, INDRALEENA J, 95000/-, CHAIN 1, 7472, HEMAVATHI N M, 61963/-, CHAIN 1, 7474, NARAYANASWAMI, 22000/-, CHAIN 3, 7493, MANJUNATHA G, 32000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 7495, SHASHIKUMAR, 34756/-, CHAIN 1, 7497, RAMYA, 29997/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 7499, YALLAPPA BM, 7900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7502, AMBRISH PANI, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7504, NARAYANASWAMY N, 288800/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 7507, NARAYANAMMA, 16000/-, STUD 2, 7509, LAKSHMI, 54800/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 7513, RANEESH M P, 29878/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 7514, HEMAVATHI N M, 32000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 7517, ANTHONY BRITTO R, 19993/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 7524, RAGHAVENDRA R, 10000/-, DROPS 2, 7529, PRADEEPKUMAR K N, 26801/-, STUD 4, 7530, MURALI M, 28000/-, CHAIN 1, 7534, SHILPA D N, 14383/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7537, PUNITH V, 7347/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7538, VIJAY B N, 20000/-, CHAIN 1, 7545, ARUN KUMAR, 30000/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 7563, MUNIRAJU KP, 46303/-, DROPS & STUD 5,FINGER RINGS 2, 7569, RAMADEVI, 9992/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7575, K PARAMESHA, 47000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7576, VIJAY G, 22000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7581, MANI V, 13502/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7592, SHASHIKALA, 89997/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 7593, SANGEETHA C, 177177/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 7608, PRAMOD KUMAR GOWDA, 53000/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 7610, KIRAN KUMAR, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7614, SARASWATHI, 10000/-, STUD 2, 7615, SARASWATHI, 13400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7620, SRIDHAR M, 79993/-, CHAIN 2, 7624, HEMAVATHI N M, 51381/-, BANGLE 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 7627, NAGESH A, 34300/-, DROPS 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 7630, GIRISH B.N, 332400/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 3, 7640, MUNIRAJ, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7642, JAYALAKSHMI, 14900/-, DROPS 4, 7648, MANJUNATHA M, 89998/-, NECKLACE 1, 7649, NAGESH K M, 50000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 7651, MAHADEV BK, 50000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7652, MANI.N, 130130/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 7654, NIVEDITHA S, 110000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 4, 7655, SANTHOSH C A, 69993/-, CHAIN 2, 7664, NARAYANASWAMY, 44000/-, CHAIN 1, 7671, BOOJALA REDDAPPA, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 108740730005438, JITHENDRA SHARAMA, 12523/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5439, JITHENDRA SHARAMA, 8576/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6931, 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TOTAL CUMULATIVE VACCINATIONS TILL MAY 25

20,06,62,456

Total vaccinations in May till May 25 **4,40,24,631**

Average daily vaccinations in May so far **17,60,985**

Total vaccinations in April **8,91,01,433**

Average daily vaccinations in April **29,70,047**

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COVID VACCINATION DOWN 40% IN MAY VIS-A-VIS APRIL

Despite extending the inoculation programme to all adults, the number of jabs given this month saw a massive drop

INOCULATION DRIVE WAS AT ITS PEAK IN APRIL

An analysis of government data shows that between April 3 and 9, an average of 35,35,250 shots were administered per day and this number reached 36,59,356 on April 10 — the highest daily vaccination achieved in the country so far. The trend then changed and the count started sliding. So far, over 34% population above 45 years has received at least one dose

VAX SHORTAGE AT HEART OF THE PROBLEM

- Experts attribute the drop in the number of vaccinations in the month of May to the acute shortage in vaccine doses
- Already, some states have stopped vaccinating those in the 18–44 year group as there is no guarantee if those who got the 1st shot will get the 2nd dose within the stipulated schedule | P11

42%

OF THE VULNERABLE 60+ AGE GROUP HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE

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Fortunately, it hit the coast with much less force than predicted when it made landfall; rains and tidal waves inundate 128 villages in Balasore and Bhadrak districts; three Bengal districts similarly affected

A family (top) wades through waist-deep water to reach a safer place near Dhamra port in Bhadrak that was battered by cyclone Yaas; and an inundated room of a hospital at Kakdwip in Bengal's South 24 Parganas on Wednesday | IRFANA/PTI

CYCLONE MAROONS VILLAGES IN ODISHA, 1 CRORE HIT IN BENGAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar/Kolkata

ACCOMPANIED by pounding rains and a gale force, cyclone Yaas barrelled through coastal Odisha on Wednesday morning, leaving behind a trail of destruction, but it did not quite live up to its hype of a super storm. Mercifully.

Around 9 am, Yaas, a very severe cyclonic storm, made landfall in Bahanaga panchayat area, about 20 km south of Balasore. It pummeled two districts Balasore and Bhadrak – while sparing more coastal districts along its way – where most damage was to *kutcha* houses, roads and trees as well as power infrastructure.

Over 128 villages were marooned following the storm-induced rain and tidal surge, which caused more damage to dwelling units in villages located close to the coast. (see box)

While there was no official word of any cyclone-related death, two casualties were reported from Balasore and Keonjhar districts. The government had, by Tuesday night, evacuated over 6 lakh people from low lying areas, which helped avoid loss of lives.

Yaas hit the coast with much less force than predicted. The IMD had forecast gale wind reaching over 150 km per hour, gusting up to 185 km, as peak intensity. It was downgraded to 130-140 km by Tuesday late night. Before and during landfall, which continued for about three hours, the maximum wind speed reached close to 120-130 kmph at the most. At some places, it was around 90 kmph. Though there was prediction that Bhubaneswar and Cuttack would be hit by 80-90 kmph wind, it did not happen.

"It may be because the system had more gale force wind on its right side (the seaside) as compared to its left side (landmass) when it made landfall. It is good that the impact was much lesser on Odisha side," IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra told *TNIE*.

But as the storm progressed northwestwards, Mohapatra said, the entire belt from Baliapal in Odisha to Digha in Bengal towards its right flank faced a tidal surge of about four metres, inundating low-lying areas in the coastal villages.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said nearly 1 crore people in the coastal districts of East Midnapore, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas were affected. There were also reports of a person's death in East Midnapore. Mamata will conduct a two-day aerial survey of the districts to assess the damage. P9,12

Figures that matter

128 Villages across coastal Odisha inundated by tidal surge and rainwater

80% of electricity supply in affected districts be restored within 24 hours

People in marooned villages to be provided cooked food or cooking materials and dry food for 7 days

Power supply affected in various districts, restoration work on

605 Roads damaged by the cyclone in Odisha

495 Of the damaged roads repaired; rest will be completed in 24 hours

1 crore people affected in Bengal's East Midnapore, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas, says Mamata

WhatsApp calls new IT rules unconstitutional, goes to HC

Legal points

WhatApp says Rule 4(2) of the Intermediary Rules is unconstitutional

It also says traceability provision is unconstitutional and against the fundamental right to privacy

It will force WhatsApp to break end-to-end encryption and put privacy of journalists, activists & politicians at risk

Centre says right to privacy comes with certain reasonable restrictions

Non-compliance of the new IT rules will result in social media firms losing their 'intermediary' status, which offers protection from liabilities for any third-party information hosted by them

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

FACEBOOK-owned WhatsApp on Tuesday moved the Delhi High Court against the new rules for digital media companies issued by the Centre, saying these laws infringe upon the right to privacy and free speech of its users and that the company will have to break end-to-end encryption to comply.

The new rules require messaging platforms such as WhatsApp to enable identification of the "first originator" of information that undermines sovereignty of India, security of the state, or public order.

In its 234-page plea, the social media giant cautioned that traceability can be spoofed or modified, leading to new ways for people to be framed for things they did not say or do. "Citizens will not speak freely for fear that their private communications will be traced and used against them. We are not aware of any country that requires intermediaries to do this," the plea stated.

WhatsApp has challenged Section 4 of Part II of the rules that were notified on February 25. The Section says that a 'significant social media intermediary' (social media companies with more than 50 lakh registered users) primarily providing messaging services must enable the identification of the first originator of the information.

"Supreme Court has emphasised the importance of judicial review before the invasion of privacy occurs to guarantee against arbitrary action by the State (Puttaswamy judgment). The new IT Rules allow message tracing without any judicial review," the petition stated.

The petition also cited the risk journalists and activists will face. "Journalists could be at risk of retaliation for investigating issues that may be unpopular. Activists could be at risk for discussing certain rights and criticising politicians or policies. Clients and lawyers could become reluctant to share confidential information related to their case," the petition said. The plea was moved a day after the deadline for social media companies to put in place new mechanisms to comply with the rules.

Privacy rights not absolute, says Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

RESPONDING to WhatsApp's petition in the Delhi High Court, the Centre on Wednesday said it respects the citizens' right to privacy and that it has no intention to violate it when seeking the origin of a particular message. "Such requirements are only in case when a particular message is required for prevention, investigation or punishment of serious offences such as sexually explicit content," the Centre said.

It, however, noted that as per established judicial dictum, no fundamental rights, including the right to privacy, are absolute and are subject to reasonable restrictions. It added that the requirement for instant messaging platforms to disclose the first originator of a particular information is a reasonable restriction.

Meanwhile, the Centre on Wednesday asked large social media platforms to report their status of compliance with the new digital rules.

The new rules require large social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp to follow additional due diligence, including the appointment of chief compliance officer, nodal contact person and resident grievance officer. P12

Lakshadweep row: Oppn plan to approach prez

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

AMID protests against the sweeping new rules on Lakshadweep, the CPM has launched a move to bring all Opposition parties under a common forum to submit a joint petition to the President against administrator Praful Khoda Patel.

An all-party meeting has been convened on Thursday to discuss and chalk out the future course of action against the proposed new regulations such as the ban on cow slaughter, ending serving of meat in mid-day meals and allowing liquor consumption on the island. Local NCP and BJP leaders are also expected to attend the meeting, which will be held online, sources said.

The government functionaries based on Lakshadweep including the collector and the advisor to the administrator have not responded to the protests so far. On Thursday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi hit out at Lakshadweep administrator Patel. "Lakshadweep is India's jewel in the ocean. The ignorant bigots in power are destroying it," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, Samastha Kerala Sunni Students' Federation Lakshadweep committee has also written to UN Secretary-General António Guterres. P16

HS DORESWAMY (1918-2021)

'Doreswamy never hesitated to protest for people's causes'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Justice Santosh Hegde, former Supreme Court judge and former Lokayukta of Karnataka, recalls his association with Gandhian HS Doreswamy, who passed away on Wednesday.

"I knew HS Doreswamy closely since the India Against Corruption movement in 2011 when we both sat in protest against corruption at the Freedom Park for many days. From then, we may have protested against more than ten issues, each lasting more than ten days.

He fought against the British at a young age and took part in many struggles. He went to prison during the Freedom Movement, and after Independence, he never aligned himself with any political party.

During the Emergency, he protested against the government and was sent to jail. He was again sent to prison for supporting public causes and fighting for the uplift of the downtrodden. But at the same time, he was also a favourite of many political leaders.

He was not interested in any official position and he never got one. I don't think he even aspired for a post. He took on the establishment not on political grounds, but over public issues.

After I retired as Lokayukta in 2011, we protested against land grabbing, which was revealed by the AT Ramaswamy report. Thereafter, we protested against non-implementation of the Lokayukta mining report and we became close. I realised that he was a man of principles. During the protest against land grabbing, he entered Vidhana Soudha and protested inside.

He never used his old age as an excuse not to participate in agitations. He was straight forward and would protest if he did not agree with what was happening.

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Gandhian, centenarian passes away

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CENTENARIAN, freedom fighter and anti-corruption crusader Harohalli Srinivasiah Doreswamy died here at 1.20 pm on Wednesday, following a cardiac arrest. He was 103 and is survived by two children.

He was admitted to Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research on May 6 after he complained of breathlessness. He later tested positive for Covid. He was discharged from the hospital in the second week of May, but was readmitted due to Covid-related complications.

Doreswamy wanted his body to be donated to St John's Hospital. But as he was infected with Covid, and due to protocol, he was cremated at Chamarajpet crematorium with state honours. Doreswamy, when he was readmitted, reportedly told the doctors that he should be sent home and the bed should be given to young people who needed treatment.

IISc STUDY

'Extended lockdown only 36% effective'

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE extended Covid curfew, in place in Karnataka since May 19, has been only 36 per cent effective as against 80 per cent during the May 10-24 lockdown, indicating that more stringent measures are need to contain the pandemic, reveals an analysis by a team of researchers from the Department of Computational and Data Sciences, Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc).

The finding is based on the analysis of the projection model which indicates that the actual number of Covid cases is higher than expected. The lockdown, from May 10 to May 24, was 80 per cent effective with numbers coming down as expected. But from May 19 to May 25, the actual confirmed cases are much higher than what was expected in three different scenarios. The number of confirmed cases in the worst-case scenario (of no lockdown) was expected to be 24.28 lakh; in the scenario with 50 per cent lockdown, it was to be 24.21 lakh; while in the complete effectiveness scenarios it was 24.04 lakh. However, the confirmed cases were 24.72 lakh, which are much higher than even the worst-case scenario. It is similar with active cases, said Prof Sashikumar Ganesan, Chairman, Dept of Computational and Data Sciences. According to him, the model based on the existing actual number of cases predicted that the state will see 4,18,275 cases in the worst-case scenario, while in the actual scenario it is 4.24 lakh cases.

"The lockdown extension was expected to bring down the number of confirmed and active cases, but in the last one week — from May 19 to 25 — the numbers are higher. This should be taken as a warning," he said. P9

Police intercept motorists during the lockdown in Bengaluru on Wednesday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

KARNATAKA	MAY 25	MAY 26
Fresh cases	22,758	26,811
Recoveries	38,224	40,741
Deaths	588	530

Creating black fungus drug was risky: Udupi's Pai

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LIPOSOMAL Amphotericin B has saved thousands of lives by helping people fight mucormycosis or black fungal infection, which has taken on an epidemic proportion during the second Covid wave. One of the brains behind the wonder drug is Srikanth Annappa Pai, who hails from Gangolli in Udupi district.

Pai told *TNIE* that the US patent for the conventional drug expired in 2008 and Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd, where he headed the R&D team, had started working on it four years earlier. "It was risky as there were no guidelines for generic liposomal products. No one was sure whether it would be acceptable. Each step had to be careful," he said.

"Compared to the conventional drug, which is a one-step product, this was a three-step product. There was no literature too on what precaution had to be taken. We had to experiment and then proceed," he added. P9

NATIONWIDE	MAY 25	MAY 26
Fresh cases	1,96,427	2,08,921
Recoveries	3,25,850	2,95,955
Deaths	3,511	4,157

JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

May 25 **18,77,419 doses**

May 26 **17,19,931 doses**

TOTAL DOSES: 20,25,29,884

EXPRESS READ

India for re-election of Guterres as UN chief

United Nations: India has conveyed its support to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres for his candidature as chief of the world body for a second five-year term beginning January 2022.

Fugitive Mehul Choksi captured in Dominica

New Delhi: Fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi, who had recently fled from Antigua and Barbuda, was captured in neighbouring Dominica after an Interpol Yellow Notice was issued against him, the local media said on Wednesday.

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Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Vaishala • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Prathami 2.44 pm
Nakshatra: Jyeshta 12.54 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 5.52 am
Sunset 6.41 pm
Moonrise 7.50 pm
Moonset 6.28 am

DIVERT FUNDS TO PAY TEACHERS: FORUM

Rs 700 cr RTE fund, money collected for their welfare over last 40 yrs must be utilised at a time like this, they say

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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FACING pressure from private schools, the Education Department has sought help from government school teachers and members of legislative council (MLCs) to aid private school teachers in distress.

Private school teachers and administrators had sought the resignation of Minister of Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar after their demands were not pushed at the highest level in the State Government.

Among their list of demands was aid for teachers who are under financial distress as several parents have not paid fees.

Lokesh Talikatte, state president, Registered Unaided Private School Management Association (RUPSA), said, "The State has Rs 700 crore in their Right to Education (RTE) fund. It has also collected money from teachers over the past 40 years for their welfare fund. The money spent on buying textbooks, chalk, dusters and

exam papers is unutilised. Funds can be mobilised from these to pay the teachers."

Shashi Kumar, Convener, Karnataka Private Unaided School Managements, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Coordination Committee, told The New Indian Express that the last time, a claim was made about government teachers contributing to help their private school peers, but nothing came out of it. "It is better if the government diverts funds from other schemes, which are not likely to be used this year, to pay the teachers," he said.

Minister Suresh Kumar took a delegation of MLCs from the graduates and teachers' constituency to meet Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday, where they sought an economic package for teachers.

In another meeting with these MLCs and representatives of government teachers' unions, the minister is said to have spoken about 15 months of financial struggle private school teachers have faced. He asked the representatives and MLCs to help these teachers, and said the latter have come forward to contribute their salaries and the department is contemplating using internal resources.

Metro-Airport Line hits private land hurdle

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THANKS to the handsome compensation paid, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation has managed to acquire most of the land it needs for the upcoming Airport line. But one parcel of government land, running into 20,235 square metres (five acres) is stuck, as a woman claims it to be her family property.

BMRCL requires this land for the Shettygere depot, which will come up near the trumpet flyover of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

The 38.44-km Phase 2B line from KR Puram to KIA will have 17 stations which was approved by the Centre last month. Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has fixed September 2025 as the deadline.

A senior BMRCL official told TNIE, "We have already acquired 18 acres of land for the depot. But the woman, Madhumati Shantaram, claims that five acres of the government property was given to her family and she must be compensated for it. But there are no records in the tahsildar office to substantiate her claim, and BMRCL wants to consider it as government land."

She claims that the land was given to her husband by the government in 1970, If it is proved to be her property, BMRCL has to pay Rs 90 crore, as it pays Rs 18 crore per acre as per the higher compensation mandated by the Karnataka Land Acquisition Act 2013. The matter is now pending with the Special Deputy Commissioner.

The official said that the line requires 3,13,357 sqm of land, of which 2,91,470 sqm has been acquired and handed over to the engineering department for works. "A total of 21,887 sqm is yet to be acquired. Along with this piece of land in dispute, the rest amounts to over two acres from a few individuals who are ready to give their land but are not able to collect their compensation due to the lockdown," the official said.

The estimated daily ridership on the Airport line will be 4.33 lakh in 2025.

City-bound train to have 3-hour halt enroute from today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a move that is already drawing criticism, the Bengaluru Railway Division on Wednesday announced a stoppage of 3 hours and 20 minutes for a MEMU special that will depart from Dharmavaram. The move will come into effect from Thursday (May 27). This is because the train's destination has been changed from Banaswadi to KSR (Bengaluru City) station.

Train No.06595/06596 will depart from KSR at 7.15 am and reach Dharmavaram at 12 noon. In the return direction, it will depart from Dharmavaram at 12.30 pm and reach KSR Bengaluru only at 8.35 pm. This is because of a stoppage of 3 hours and 20 minutes at Sathya Sai Prashanti Nilayam (SSPN) railway station. The train that arrives at 1.20 pm will depart only at 4.40 pm.

A very influential railway forum, Karnataka Railways Users tweeted in a lighter vein,"The stoppage for the MEMU Special at SSPN deserves to be recorded in Limca Book of Records." A few more tweets followed with one pointing out that the train would end up taking 8 hours for a 180 km trip. A few insisted that the route be given a rethink again.

Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma said, "This was because the same rake was utilised to merge two different train routes: the Bengaluru City-SSPN-Dharmavaram and the SSPN-SBC. Dharmavaram cannot hold the rake for long time. Therefore, to start return journey at a time suitable to passengers, the train is brought to SSPN for stabling." If that was not done, then the trip between SSPN and Dharmavaram would have to be cancelled, he added.

"Morning train timings are useful to all the sections including those at Dharmavaram. If we do not take the train up to Dharmavaram, the people who need to go there will not have any mode of transportation," the DRM said.

MUTED CELEBRATIONS

Devotees offer online prayers, while monks maintain social distance during Buddha Purima celebrations at Mahabodhi Society in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

BDA NOW PLANS GLOBAL TENDER FOR PRR PROJECT

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, which is aimed at ensuring seamless connectivity, is set to take a new approach for funding, as the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has decided to go in for global tendering. The move to award it to an Israeli infrastructure and funding agency after going in for a Swiss Challenge method of tendering has now been shelved.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa too had spoken about the interest shown by the Israeli firm in the project in February. A highly-placed BDA source said that they had to change their original plan after a Cyprus-based firm, IOTC Group, approached the government and conveyed its interest in funding the Rs 21, 250 crore project. "The BDA approved the move to go in for a global tender during its recent meeting and is now awaiting government approval. Tenders will be called for soon," a top source said.

The 73-km project with eight lanes and four service lanes was to be awarded to Israel's Symba Maz after a Swiss Challenge method of tendering was called. A deadline of three years (August 2024) also was to be fixed for the same.

Specifying details, another source said, "Since only one firm was initially ready, we thought of going in for the Swiss method, wherein, if any other bidder can come up with a lower quote, they would get the project. However, now that we have more than one person vying for the project, tender rules mandate that we need to go in for a global tender."

Symba Maz had conveyed its expression of interest through the Bengaluru-based joint venture, APIC Freeway Pvt Ltd, along with construction firms AFCONS and STUPS Ltd. "The firm was sure that no one would be able to come up with a lower bid and had asked the BDA to go in for the Swiss Challenge method," the source explained.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th May: To all those of you who ask me about my telescope, my planet-watching nights are often busy. I have two favourite planets. One is Jupiter, the great giant, filled with poisonous gas and riven by storms. The other is the mighty Saturn. To actually see this great planet's rings is a real life-changing experience. It changed me, anyway!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If we look at your key celestial indications today, then adventure and independence are pretty strong. That all adds up to a moment when you can lift your sights to higher things, to elevate your ambitions and pursue your grand vision of the way life could be. All you have to do is refuse to give in to rash impulses.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Would it motivate you if cash bonuses were on the cards? Or would it matter to you if your costs were increasing? These are the sort of questions you're facing over the next couple of days. Just remember though - in relationships, you have to keep talking; why not tell someone how you really feel about them?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There's a conservative feel in the air today, as if you are tied to the feelings and emotions of the past. The people you'll hang out with could be older or more experien-ced but, also, if you've got the freedom bug, probably those you blame for holding you back. After all, there have been occasions on which you have yourself turned down intriguing offers.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Venus, the most gracious of planets, and Saturn, the most stern of the celestial bodies, are in a state of some disagreement. There are two choices: either you will discipline yourself, or someone else will do it for you. I'd say it would be best if you take the first steps when you are good and ready!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You have reason to become confident, buoyant and often bubbly. But, and this is a big 'but', circumstances imposed on you by other people may force you to stay your hand, contain your feelings and take a mature and responsible course when your instincts are urging you to break out and have a wild time. You've got a delicate balancing act to follow.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Most of you have already put old problems and battles behind you, but the planets still have to draw a final curtain over the past. That is what they are now doing - today and tomorrow. After this your sign will be strangely free from planetary pressures, and you will be released from certain bonds.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A new cycle begins over the next forty-eight hours, so many of you may feel a sudden increase in energy. It may feel as if you're on a jet accelerating to take-off - or a space-shuttle leaving earth's orbit. But don't fall into the trap of imagining that it's other people who are holding you back when all they've done is try to give good advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Time to take a look at your cash situation. The Moon advises you to make family finances your top priority, and other planets confirm that joint finances are the most important. You might be dependent on partners to make the first move, but then they will benefit enormously from your ideas - so speak up!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You're top of the pile today. Your sign has the strongest planets and that's a fair enough indication that you'll have the advantage in most situations. It's not that you're any better than other people, just that, somehow, the celestial spotlight is on you. That's why you carry such a responsibility!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Listen to your dreams. It seems as if a passing fantasy or day-dream could contain the seeds of a very positive path forward. It's probably not a good day for rushing into new initiatives, though, partly because you could see a pronounced shift in circumstances over the next two weeks.

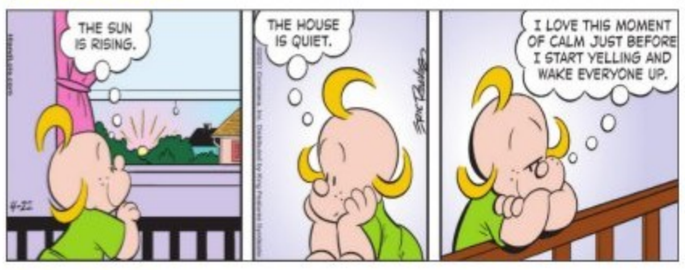
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
A significantly-situated Moon pushes domestic matters up your agenda. This is your chance to take control and insist that whatever happens is for everyone's benefit, remembering that you also need to share any good-fortune with family members. In addition, there may be a strange tie-up between personal and professional commitments.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Try to see the larger picture. That's probably rather obvious advice to give you, for if anyone is congenitally aware of the bigger issues and universal principles, it's you. The fact is, though, that today's stars encourage this part of your character to come out, so I think that partners will benefit from your insights and wisdom.

THE PHANTOM

THAT.... BLASTED.... NAME!
YES, THAT IS THE CAUSE OF MY UNREST! A FALSE NAME IF EVER I HEARD ONE!
FALSE WITH A PURPOSE! SOME... HIDDEN MEANING!!
THAT MAN WAS NOT TOWNS ELLERBEE...
AND NOT THIS JOHN X, EITHER!
TOWNS ELLERBEE

HI AND LOIS



BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

REMEMBER WHEN YOU TOLD ME THAT TONS OF COUPLES HAD TO POSTPONE THEIR WEDDINGS FROM 2020?
YES, WHY?
THAT WAS AN UNDERSTATEMENT!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

	5		6		8			
	9			5				
	2	4		9		3		
	7				5			9
		3				6		
6			8				2	
		7		8		2	1	
				7			9	
			3		1		6	

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

6	7	3	8	2	1	5	4	9
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2	3	4	5	1	7	8	9	6
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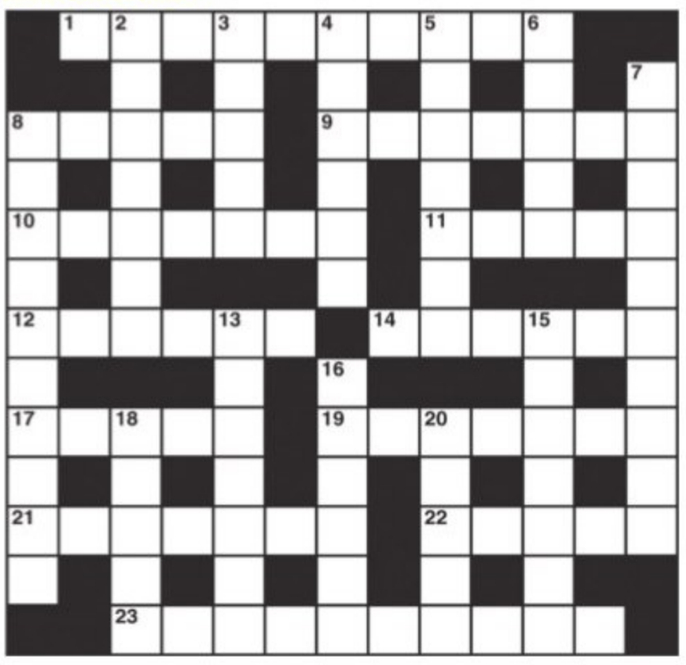
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 One doesn't have to practise it (4-6)
8 A girl's denim trousers (5)
9 Cunning employed in any lawless state (7)
10 Children's playthings? (7)
11 Place that makes sense in the Ruhr (5)
12 Take cover (6)
14 Make a ship unfit to carry out an attack (6)
17 Enter into US business contract with ancient city (5)
19 Powerful agency about to take on a member of the cast (7)
21 Type of trout is naturally colourful (7)
22 Cook and sew (5)
23 Community payment (10)

DOWN

2 The scholar takes ages to sum up (7)
3 Country in charge of the match (5)
4 Pass directions around the circuit (6)
5 Untidy serving-men eat here (2,1,4)
6 They fasten hair (5)
7 Generally speaking any garbled version will do (2,3,5)
8 It won't stand for cut flowers (10)
13 Not a well cooked portion of savoury dish (7)
15 Painting for example is one article made by a craftsman (7)
16 A scoop for a gardening correspondent? (6)
18 Invents a new word for hard currency (5)
20 Book of stamps perhaps (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Jasper, 4 Outcry, 9 Scuttle, 10 Barge, 11 Linen, 12 Donated, 13 Shop steward, 18 Bigoted, 20 Repel, 22 Aswan, 23 Oratory, 24 Drying, 25 Chaser.

Down: 1 Jostle, 2 Spurn, 3 Eaten up, 5 Urban, 6 Curator, 7 Yields, 8 Ready to drop, 14 Highway, 15 Warpath, 16 Aboard, 17 Player, 19 Tenon, 21 Plots.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VEOMI

ZAAEM

ISNIHF

BPUTRA

Welcome to Vladi's! Can I start you off with some blood sausage apps?
We have to go. We have a thing to get to.
THEY LEFT THE VAMPIRE'S TRANSYLVANIAN RESTAURANT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here: " ○○○○○ - ○○○○ "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** PLAZA TOXIC FIGURE MUFFIN
ANSWER: The artist was painting the hog and made sure to match the hog's – PIGMENT

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In solidarity with the call by farmer unions to observe Wednesday as a Black Day marking sixth months of ongoing farmer protest against the farm laws, farmers in Mysuru also took out protests. However, with lockdown restrictions in place, protesting farmers confined their protests at their farmlands, houses and villages

POWER PLAY

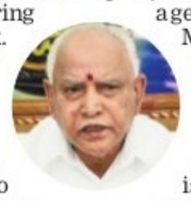
BJP looks for smooth change of guard in state

As BSY nears 2 years in office, the party is looking at bringing in new face with the next Assembly polls in mind

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

KEEN on a leadership change, but wary of the possible dent to its electoral prospects if it antagonises B S Yediyurappa, the central leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is said to be pushing for an amicable and smooth transition of power in the State.

Sources in the party's central leadership suggest that with the next assembly election due in Karnataka in two years' time, the party believes that it is time to relieve Yediyurappa of his post as Chief Minister and bring in a new face, but without angering its Lingayat vote bank. Efforts, it is said, are being made to coax him to voluntarily give up the post as part of a 'natural restructuring process' so that new leadership can emerge. The BJP's central leadership is hoping to pull off a Uttarakhand and Assam-like power transition in Karnataka, Gujarat and Haryana in succession to also avoid giving an impression that one mass leader is being targeted.



The last time Yediyurappa was forced to quit as CM and humiliated, he broke away from the party and fought assembly elections from the Karnataka Janata Paksha, eating into a big chunk of BJP's votes and reducing its number to an abysmal 40 seats and vote share lesser than the JDS.

"Keshubhai Patel too was a mass leader, but Narendra Modi replaced him as Gujarat CM because the party needed a new face. The party has an unwritten age limit rule of 75 years, but in Yediyurappa's case, that has been bent and broken. The party welcomed him back and made him the State unit president and then Chief Minister for his tremendous work, but it is now time for him to go and allow new leadership," said a national executive functionary.

Party legislators in Karnataka too believe that Yediurappa does not enjoy the loyalty and following within the party that he had in 2013. "His age apart, how many MLAs will walk out of the party today if he breaks away? In 2013, the party's central leadership was different, but now it is stronger. Yediyurappa too understands that his health, age and appeal are not the same as in 2013," a Karnataka unit functionary said. A host of names, many second-rung leaders, are doing the rounds as replacement to Yediyurappa. From Murugesh Nirani and Basavaraj Bommai - whom Yediyurappa is said to be batting for - to C T Ravi, Sunil Kumar and Arvind Bellad, whom Union Minister Pralhad Joshi is said to be lobbying for, many are in line.

While murmurs of a leadership change arise now and then in Karnataka, sources suggest that this time around, a solid plan is in place and its execution will take place over the next two months. "Nothing will change overnight. Talks are under way for an amicable, honourable exit. Yediyurappa has his terms and the high command has its own," a BJP leader said. Sources suggest that the party believes now is the right time for a change of leadership, since it will give them two years to mitigate any adverse effect. "Once a change is effected, the first six months will be all about work, work and work. The next six months will be about public perception building and the rest of the year will be a build-up to the election," the leader added.

While allegations of nepotism, corruption, bias in fund allocation, etc., have been made against Yediyurappa and his son B Y Vijayendra by those within the party in the open as well as behind closed doors, the central leadership is said to be more concerned over the indecisiveness of the government and dent in public perception. "What message does it send out when BJP loses gram panchayat elections in the CM's backyard of Shivamogga? Maski was a clear indication that even the Lingayats didn't vote for us. It was with great difficulty that we won the Basavakalyan Assembly and Belagavi Parliamentary bypoll. Above all of this is the impression a government gives when it changes cabinet portfolios of ministers three times in five days. The indecisiveness is hurting our public image," a national functionary added.

MEKEDATU PROJECT

CM to consult legal experts over NGT order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has decided to take up a legal battle against the National Green Tribunal (NGT) order on the Mekedatu reservoir project. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will hold consultations with legal experts on Thursday to discuss the state's strategy.

On Tuesday, the NGT formed a committee to submit a report on alleged violations of norms in the construction of the reservoir across the Cauvery river at Mekedatu near Kanakapura, about 60 km from Bengaluru. "No formal complaint has been filed. The NGT has taken up a suo motu case and formed a committee based on a report in the media. We will consult legal experts to discuss the state's strategy," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai told media persons in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Bomma said the CM will hold discussions with the State Advocate General, senior officers from the Water Resources Department and experts on interstate river water disputes to finalise the state's strategy in the case.Bommai said the case is already before the Supreme Court and they have provided all the details to the court. The state is only using its share of river water. "There are questions over the timing and legality of forming a committee under such circumstances. The government is fully committed to protecting the state's interest and we will hold discussions with legal experts and take a decision on further legal action," the minister added.

The Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project is aimed at providing drinking water to Bengaluru and surrounding areas and generate power. The Tamil Nadu government has opposed the project and approached the court stating that it will deprive that state of its share of water.

Bommai refused to respond to questions over speculation on leadership change in the state. "I cannot respond to speculations. You have to ask them," the minister said when reporters questioned him about some BJP leaders visiting New Delhi to hold discussions with central leaders.

RDPR staffers now Covid-19 warriors

ENS @ Bengaluru

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday held video conference with panchayat presidents and Panchayat development officers of select panchayats from Belagavi, Ballari, Mysuru and Shivamogga.

Surging Covid cases in rural areas was the primary concern expressed in the meeting. Following requests by officials of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Yediyurappa announced that all staff of RDPR will be considered as corona warriors and all benefits announced to revenue department staff will be extended to them.

To address issues of resources and awareness, he pushed for help desks and helplines to be set up at panchayats.

Portal linking corporates, State Govt on CSR launched

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday launched 'Akanksha', an online comprehensive portal that helps corporates connect with the officials concerned in the government to help through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and implementation of CSR initiatives in a transparent manner.

Appreciating the cooperation from corporates, NGOs and individuals in the fight against the pandemic, the Chief Minister said that as of now, they have received Rs 175 crore under CSR funds for the health sector. The first of its kind portal in the country will act as a bridge between the government and the firms providing funds under Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

The UNDP helped the state in creating the portal that will also help in implementing UN-mandated sustainable development goals, the Chief Minister said.

The Mission 2030 has been prepared to reach the target of implementing sustainable development goals. Of the total requirement of Rs 75,000 crore estimated, Rs 61,000 crore has already been allocated in the budget, Yediyurappa said.

The Chief Minister said that last year, the total expenditure on the health sector was Rs 11,527 crore and this year, Rs 11,650 crore has been set aside.

NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant said the portal will help uniform development of all parts of the state. Kant and UNDP representatives participated in the programme in virtual mode.

Industries seek relief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

REPRESENTATIVES of industries, which have suffered huge losses due to the pandemic, on Wednesday met Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and presented a memorandum seeking relief. The CM assured them that their requests will be looked into at the cabinet meeting on Thursday.

Speaking to TNIE, FKCCI president Perikal Sundar said that last year, they recapitalised the three-month EMI after the intervention of the Union Government. "This time, we have written to PM seeking 50% waiver on interest. Whenthings normalise, we are confident that our orders will double and then the government can expect normal revenues from us."

The industries also requested for waiver of fixed charges on electricity levied by power utilities, etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from its owner Sri. Jagadish.V. S/o late Venkatesh, residing at Bylahalli Village, Medimallasandra Post, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Any person/s has/have any manner of right, title and or interest or demand or claim over the Schedule Property is/ are hereby requested to file his/her/their objections to this transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of the documents on which such claim is being made with the undersigned, within 12 (twelve) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, our client shall proceed with the above mentioned purchase transaction deeming that, apart from the aforesaid owner no one else has any manner of right or claim or interest in or over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the adjacent agricultural lands bearing **Sy.No. 38/2, measuring 01 Acre 19 guntas and Sy.No. 38/3, measuring 31 guntas** (totally measuring **02 Acres 10 Guntas**), both situated at Gangalur Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on;

East by : Road;
West by : Land in Sy.No. 38/1 belongs to Ubedulla Sharif;
North by : Land in Sy.No. 38/1 belongs to Ubedulla Sharif;
South by: Lake.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase immovable property morefully described in the Schedule herein below from Smt. Kiran Pradeep, aged about 54 years, W/o. Sri Pradeep B., residing at No.471/A, "Pooja" HMT Layout, Ananda Nagar Main Road, Bangalore-560024, also at No.54, Sumangali Sevashrama Road, 4th Main Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560 024 claiming that she is the absolute owner in lawful possession and peaceful enjoyment of the Schedule Property and there is no encumbrance thereof. Any person/s having any claim or asserting any kind of right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner, shall lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidences in person or by registered post with regard to such claim/s with the undernoted within **7 (Seven) days** from the date hereof, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale formalities on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever, and any claims submitted after the 7 (seven) days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No.36/2A measuring 17 Guntas (out of total 20 Guntas), situated at Kommaghatta Village, Kengri-1 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and the entire property is bounded on the **East by** : Earlier Sarkari Kodi Hallanow BDA Road, **West by** : Earlier Property of Kempaiah-Now Property of BDA, **North by** : Earlier Property of Rajanna - Now Property of BDA; and **South by** : earlier property of Virupakshayya - now Property of BDA in Sy. No.36/2A and 36/2B.

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Our clients **Sri Ashish .J,** S/o **Sri Jayanthilal C Jain** is intending to purchase the Schedule property from **1) Smt. SHANTHAMMA 2. RAMAMANNI, 3). SUDARSHAN, 4) VANISHREE and 5). NAGARAJ** in respect of the schedule property mentioned below and any person/s who have any valid claim, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the said transaction by our clients may file his/her objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned within 15 days from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has any claim or agreement to sell or DTD or charge lien, otherwise or objections to the said transaction of the schedule property by our clients and our clients will complete the registration of the Sale Deed as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Sy No. 244/2, New Sy No. 244/3, situated at Athibele Village, Athibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring 0-10 guntas out of 0-21 guntas and 01 guntas Karab and bounded as follows- On the East by: Remaining Property of "B" schedule Property, West by: Krishnappa Property, North by: Survey No. 244/2 Property, South by : Road.

Sd/- **T.N. RAJASHEKAR,** Advocate No.14, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002. Date:20/05/2021

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THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED
MARK TWAIN

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No. M/C.37/NFR/Quotation/Covid Testing Kiosk/21 of 24.05.2021

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Chennai Division, Southern Railway, Chennai – 600 003 invites separate sealed quotations from willing accredited Medical institutions/Hospitals/ Clinical laboratories for the contract for setting up of temporary kiosk for conducting Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Test/RT-PCR test at the following Railway stations over Chennai Division for period of 90 days (Three months).

S. No.	Station	Station Category	Reserve Price for Covid testing kiosk for 90 days in ₹
1	Chennai Central (MAS)	NSG 1	2,15,000
2	Chennai Egmore (MS)	NSG 1	2,02,500
3	Tambaram (TBM)	NSG 1	1,18,125
4	Chengalpattu (CGL)	NSG 2	1,07,917
5	Arakkonam (AJJ)	NSG 2	1,06,458
6	Katpadi (KPD)	NSG 2	1,07,917
7	Jolarpet (JTJ)	NSG 3	1,03,542
8	Ambur (AB)	NSG 5	1,02,083
9	Melmaruvathur (MLMR)	NSG 5	1,00,625
10	Walajah Road (WJR)	NSG 5	1,00,625
11	Vaniyambadi (VN)	NSG 5	1,00,625
12	Tindivanam (TMV)	NSG 5	1,00,625
13	Perambur (PER)	NSG 3	1,12,292
Area (In Sq.ft) (Sl. No. 1 - 13): **100**			

Security Deposit (SD) equivalent to 10% of the amount quoted should be submitted along with the quotation application. **(Separate Quotation forms should be submitted).** The quotation documents can be downloaded from Southern Railway Website (**www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in**) and submitted along with DD. Quotation documents submitted without DD will be summarily rejected.
Receipt of Quotation: Between 10.00 Hrs and 11.00 Hrs on 07.06.2021
Opening of Quotation: At 11.30 Hrs on 07.06.2021
If the date of receipt and opening of quotation happens to be declared as Holiday, the same will be on the next working day.

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency invites tenders from the manufacturer/ suppliers for the supply of Tyvek Paper certification Tags and Seed sample cloth bags. Tender application must be submitted in separate Technical and Commercial bids in electronic format only through e-procurement portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**. The tender details can be downloaded in the above e-procurement website free of cost **from 25.05.2021 to 11.06.2021.** The last date for the submission of e-tender through on-line is **11.06.2021 up to 5.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Joint Director of Seed Certification KSSOCA, Bengaluru

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On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic tenders for the following works online through the website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Tender Number	Due date	Description of the work	Quantity
TENDER NOTICE No.: RWF/S/P1/002/2021-22 Dated 17.05.2021			
P1211196	11.06.2021	Bricks Arch High Alumina 70% for Ladle Lining.	207 Sets
TENDER NOTICE No.: RWF/S/P1/003/2021-22 Dated 25.05.2021			
P1211305	15.06.2021	STEEL BLOOMS 340MM SQ R-43	2448 MT

Principal Chief Materials Manager

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, C.T. Bed, Thyagarajanagara, Channammanakere Achukattu, Bengaluru- 560 070.

No.: EE(BG)/Tend/02/2021-22 Date : 25.05.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the work detailed the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Repairs and maintenance of Gym and play equipments in Ward No. 154, Basavanagudi. **(ST Only)**	10.00
2.	Balance works to Kabaddi play ground and repairs to Building in Ward No. 154.	50.00
3.	Construction of Samudaya Bhavan at Dobhighat in Ward No. 155, Hanumanthanagara.	50.00
4.	Developmental Works in Dobhighat in Ward No. 155, Hanumanthanagara.	50.00
5.	Repairs and maintenance of Gym equipments and children play equipments in Ward No. 155, Hanumanthanagara. **(SC Only).**	5.00
6.	Annual maintenance in Ward No. 155, Hanumantha nagara. **(Call-3).**	15.00
7.	Repairs and maintenance of Gym equipments and children play equipment in Ward No. 156, Srinagara.	8.00
8.	Improvements to drains of 3rd cross, 4th cross, 5th cross, 6th cross, 7th cross, 8th cross of BSK 3rd stage, 3rd phase, 3rd block in Girinagara, Ward No. 162.	50.00
9.	Improvements to drains of 5th main, 6th main road of Raghavendra Block and surrounding area in Girinagara, Ward No. 162. **(FOR SC ONLY).**	50.00
10.	Engaging Private tractor and labour for maintenance of Ward No. 162.	20.00
11.	Construction and Reconstruction of culverts in Girinagara, Ward No. 162.	20.00
12.	Maintenance of roads by Engaging Private tractor and labour in Ward No. 164, Vidyapeeta **(Call-2).**	20.00
13.	Improvements to park in Ward No.164, Vidyapeeta **(Call-2).**	28.00

EMD Declaration : as per FD order No. FD 675 exp-12/ 2020. Dtd. 22.12.2020. **1)** tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 03.06.2021. 2)** Last date for uploading the tender **14.06.2021 upto 4.00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of tender document: **15.06.2021 at 4.30 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website : **https:/eproc.karnataka.gov.in or** contact e-procurement Helpdesk 080-22485867 / 22485927.

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Date of Notice : 29.4.2021 Date of NPA : 31.3.2021 Nature of Facility : Housing Loan

Place : Bangalore
Date : 26.5.2021.

Sd/-
Chief Manager / Authorised Officer

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

26,811 CASES REPORTED TODAY

22,758 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	24,99,784
YESTERDAY	24,72,973

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
530	588

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
40,741	38,224

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
4,09,924	4,24,381

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	8.60%
YESTERDAY	8.54%

The day positivity rate — 19.48% today — is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests covnducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.07%
YESTERDAY	1.06%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	82.52%
YESTERDAY	81.77%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until May 26, 2021, a total 24,99,784 cases have been reported in 1 year and 76 days...

1,25,41,765 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	26,48,585
Health care workers 1st dose	7,11,770
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,67,540
Frontline workers 1st dose	5,73,407
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,04,360
Age 18-45 1st dose	4,48,057
Above 45 1st dose	81,59,946
Above 45 2nd dose	19,76,685

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

6,433 BENGALURU URBAN

740 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalakot: 245	Chamarajanagar: 425	Dakshina Kannada: 729	Hassan: 1,471	Kolar: 907	Raichur: 265	Udupi: 973
Ballari: 796	Chikkballapur: 313	Davanagere: 1,309	Haveri: 330	Koppal: 491	Ramanagara: 240	Uttara Kannada: 786
Belagavi: 1,205	Chikkamagaluru: 585	Dharwad: 853	Kalaburagi: 175	Mandya: 805	Shivamogga: 839	Vijayapura: 337
Bidar: 61	Chitradurga: 431	Gadag: 393	Kodagu: 296	Mysuru: 2,792	Tumakuru: 1,399	Yadgir: 187

State to set up spl wards for kids in third wave fight

To adopt Mumbai model, says Limbavali; facilities to come up in govt, pvt hospitals

Forest Minister Arvind Limbavali, who is also the nodal minister for Covid-19 war room, chairs a review meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOREST Minister Arvind Limbavali on Wednesday said that the State Government is adopting the "Mumbai model" to set up special child care wards and facilities to handle Covid-19 cases in the possible third wave.

Limbavali is incharge of monitoring the functioning of the Covid-19 war rooms.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of his visit to a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Covid war room on Magadi Road, he said these wards for children will be set up in government and private hospitals.

He added that the queue system in bed allocation has already started in Bengaluru and, based on its success, it will be implemented across the state. Under the queue system, each time a patient calls for a bed, a token number will be generated and the same will be shared with the patient in the form of an SMS. Once the bed is allocated, another SMS will be generated and shared with the patient and the nodal officer in-charge of the hospital. The patient will have to reach the assigned hospital within four hours of the SMS. Based on the severity of the cases, different categories are being made in bed allocation queues, he explained.

He added that in the coming days, the BBMP war room and the state war room will be merged for easy operation. Based on the feedback from people, the softwares in the war rooms and in bed allocation are also being upgraded.

> Such wards for children will be set up in government and private hospitals to handle the cases in the possible Covid-19 third wave in the state
>
> Arvind Limbavali, Forest Minister

Cases reported for bed allocation from triaging centres will be referred to referral hospitals for immediate medical attention, he added.

CCC inaugurated

Earlier in the day, Housing Minister V Somanna inaugurated a 60-bed Covid Care Centre (CCC) at Sarvagna Nagar. "Cases of black and white fungus will not be treated at the CCCs ... they will be referred to designated hospitals for immediate treatment," he said.

He said patients should not shy away from going to CCCs as the centres have doctors and medical facilities available round-the-clock.

Women find no place in expert panel

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

AT a time when there are significant number of maternal Covid-19 deaths, risks and complications during pregnancies, there is not a single woman doctor in the State Government's 13-member expert committee constituted to tackle the third wave. The committee is headed by Dr Devi Prasad Shetty, cardiothoracic surgeon, Narayana Hrudalaya.

"Right from pregnancy to motherhood to newborn care, it is a continuum. On global forums, women are represented ... but on local forums we are not. The second wave has been horrible for women who are pregnant and have Covid. There needs to be OB-GYN, even if they are not women," said Dr Hema Divakar, consultant, Divakar's Speciality hospital and former president of Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India. "Having a gynecologist and obstetrician in the committee is justified if we are to have a strong decision making body to control the third wave. There are several women who are stalwarts in Karnataka in this field," said Dr Anuradha Paramesh, vice-president, IMA, Bengaluru. She too shared the opinion that appointing male obstetricians or gynecologists, if not women, in the committee will be useful.

The remaining 11 members are Dr Sathish Girimaji, director, NIMHANS, Dr Basavaraj G V, medical superintendent, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Dr Ashish Sathapathy, regional team leader, WHO, Dr Ajaykumar, oncologist at HCG, Dr Aravind Shenoi, pediatric doctor, Cloudnine Hospital, Dr Raghunath U, pediatric intensivist, Sagar Hospital, Dr Jagadish Chinnappa, pediatric cluster head, Manipal Hospital, Dr Srikanth JT, pediatric pulmonologist, Aster Hospital, Dr Yogananda Reddy, pediatrician, Dr Vinod H Ratageri, professor of pediatrics, KIMS, Hubballi and Dr Prem K Mony, professor of Epidemiology and Community Health, St. John's Hospital. Dr P G Girish, director of Medical Education, is the member secretary.

O_2 in short supply, storage a worry too

BOSKY KHANNA, RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

DESPITE claims that oxygen supplies are near normal, Karnataka is facing problems in getting its full allocation, besides issues with storage.

Although 1,200 metric tonnes of oxygen has been allocated to Karnataka, the state is short of 240.2 MT as the entire quantum is not reaching the destinations. From plants within Karnataka, 535.8 MT of the allocated 830 MT arrived, while only 120 MT out of 370 MT allocated came from outside Karnataka on May 25, as per data shared by Munish Moudgil, state nodal officer for oxygen distribution. The naval vessels INS Shardul and INS Jamnagar additionally brought 190 MT and 114 MT, respectively. Therefore, 959.8 MT out of the allocated 1,200 MT has reached, he said.

"While 1,200 MT has been allotted, getting from outside isn't going to be easy at all. From within Karnataka, we have 830 MT allocation now. It was 765 MT before, but consistently inside producers gave 820-850 MT daily. We need to see in the coming days, which allocation from outside we actually get. Until then, it is safe to plan and work within 830 MT assured supplies daily," Moudgil said.

From Karnataka, JSW Industrial Gases, Universal Air Products, Bhuruka Gases Limited, Air Water Ballari, Inox Belloxy Ballari, Linde Belloxy, Linde Ballari 1 (Praxair), Linde Ballari 2, and Linde Hospet are supplying oxygen to the state.

> At present, there are three industrial locations in India where cryogenic tankers and tanks are manufactured - Visakhapatnam, Gujarat and Vashi. But they are unable to meet our demand. We have no space in the industrial units to store the manufactured liquid oxygen
>
> Prakash C, president, Peenya Industries Association

From outside the state, seven manufacturers are supplying oxygen from Maharashtra, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.

As per South Western Railway, Karnataka has received 1652.8 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) by rail. On Wednesday, the 13th Oxygen Express reached Whitefield station from Gujarat carrying with it 112.16 tonnes of LMO in six cryogenic containers.

The other big problem is hospitals and industries running out of storage for oxygen. There are no industries looking into manufacturing of cryogenic tankers and tanks which have now become crucial for oxygen storage. "The biggest issue is storage. There are insufficient tankers and tanks to store oxygen in the refilling units, hospitals and other places," an official working closely with the government on oxygen told *The New Indian Express*. So even if there is sufficient allocation, usage is hand-to-mouth because of lack of storage space.

To address the issue of storage, the State Government had approached industry bodies in the state, but in vain. The industry bodies are now holding talks with their counterparts in other states to get assistance to help the government.

"At present, there are three industrial locations in India where cryogenic tankers and tanks are manufactured - Visakhapatnam, Gujarat and Vashi. But they are unable to meet our demand. We have no space in the industrial units to store the manufactured liquid oxygen. Three more units to set up oxygen plants are coming up in Bengaluru. They are also working working on creating storage space," Prakash C, president, Peenya Industries Association, said.

The Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) is helping with technology to two of the three units coming up in Peenya. Also, another unit is being set up with help from a private firm. Banks have also come forward to help in setting up the units by providing loans at 5% interest.

Incentives for industrialists to set up oxygen plants: Shettar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TO increase the number of oxygen producing plants in the state, the industries department officials have been asked to plan attractive incentives for industrialists to set up such units, Minister in charge of oxygen production and supply and Industries Jagdish Shettar said on Wednesday.

After holding a meeting with senior officials, he said details about the incentives will be revealed once the plan is ready.

Of 1,200 MT of oxygen the state gets daily, 830 MT is the allocation from within the state from six main producers, 60 from MSME PSA plant authorised by the Centre and 310 MT is brought from other states — 240 MT from Maharashtra and 70 MT from Odisha, he said.

Efforts are on to revive defunct oxygen plants and to leverage Karnataka Power Corporation Limited's oxygen generation capacity at Yelahanka, Raichur and Bidar plants, he added.

The Raichur Deputy Commissioner has been directed to hand over an oxygen unit located in Yeramus to a private company to start oxygen production, he said.

Shettar instructed officials to increase the oxygen buffer stock in each district by 20 MT to tackle emergencies.

He said the distribution of oxygen is based on active cases in respective districts and they receive information on the amount of oxygen being sent to hospitals each day.

In the last five days, the state received 889.93 MT, 855.21 MT, 1062.71MT, 899.22 MT and 728.36 MT, respectively from the Centre.

He further added that 150 MT of liquid oxygen reached Mangalore port with Centre's cooperation. "The state's oxygen status is improving with the help of the Centre, which is transporting it through trains. Four more tankers are expected to arrive from Kalinga, Odisha on Saturday. We have started operation of two 500 litre per minute oxygen generator plant at KGF and Yadgir," he said.

TOUGH DAYS

The ongoing lockdown has affected livelihoods of many. A fruit vendor waits for customers on a deserted street in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

'Steroids in first week of Covid treatment causing black fungus'

ENS @ Bengaluru

AN experts' committee, which has been studying the mucormycosis (black fungus) cases in the state, has found that many of the cases were due to administering steroids in the first week of Covid-19 treatment. The state has now come up with a new discharge policy for Covid-19 patients.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, after a review meeting with experts, said, "It has been found that administering steroids in the first week of treatment of Covid-19 is one of the main causes of black fungus infection. We need to avoid this and steroids should be administered only from the second week."

"During discharge, Covid-19 patients will be tested for any fungal infection and will also be subjected to MRI scan, if necessary. All district hospitals have been instructed to have a dedicated post-Covid ward. After one week of discharge, recovered persons should get themselves tested or they can also avail tele-consultation. Every Covid-recovered person will be contacted to check for any symptoms of fungal infection. If symptoms are found, they will be called to hospitals for further diagnosis," he further said.

Post recovery, patients will be contacted for about 7-15 days, based on their condition. It has been found in preliminary reports that the infection is reported in small hospitals, taluk hospitals and among those in home isolation in some cases.

MATTER OF CONCERN

Veerappan's land shuns jabs, only 11 among 5K villagers go for it

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

VACCINE hesitancy, coupled with misinformation about the Covid-19 vaccines across villages on the Karnataka border, has led to a situation where entire villages are shunning the jabs. This can be gauged from the fact that in former forest brigand **Veerappan's** native Gopinatham village panchayat, only 11 out of the 5,300 people spread across seven villages have taken the vaccines, posing a major challenge for the Health Department and other officials in the region.

Those inoculated are the panchayat staff and the panchayat vice-president. Surprisingly, even the president of the panchayat, Shivagami, and 10 other members have said 'no' to the vaccination.

The Gopinatham panchayat, comprising of Punajuru, Koteyuru, Athuru, Alambady, Appugampatti and Marikotai (Hogenakal) villages, have over 58 active cases while six people have already recovered from the disease. What seems to be bothering the villagers most is the death of a person, allegedly after taking the vaccine, at Jaageri village nearby. In addition, the death of Tamil actor and comedian Vivek, reportedly after taking the jab, spread like wildfire among the villagers where Tamil movies have considerable following.

Though a team of health staff from MM Hills PHC came to the village to inoculate the villagers on April 30, none of the villagers turned up. After a long wait, the team packed up.

Shockingly, the villagers are asking the Panchayat Development Officer and others to give them in writing that nothing will happen to them after taking the vaccine. The PDO, Kiran, is now reaching out to the younger population, forest staff, watchers, teachers and local officials, sensitizing them about the vaccine by reaching door-to-door. He said that they have planned a camp to see that the youths between 18 to and are covered in the next round.

"The misinformation and rumours spread by those at the Covid Care Centre in Ramapura had added to the worry as many villagers are also refusing to undergo RT-PCR tests. We have received 11 samples on Wednesday. What can we do if people don't turn up?" asked a health staffer.

Patient's kin claim negligence by hospital

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

MOHAMMAD Fayaz's oxygen level was at 85 when his family first reached out to an ERT volunteer, seeking help to find an ICU bed. As the BBMP processes took their own time, according to Fayaz's family, the 45-year-old Covid patient's oxygen level plummeted further to 79 by the time he was able to secure a bed at KC General Hospital on May 20.

"His CT scan results were not good. Staffers at the hospital updated us daily saying his oxygen levels were improving but when he checked a few days later, on his own, it was still 79. We were asked to buy medicines from outside but the nurses administered them only four days later. His condition was not improving," said Zeeshan, Fayaz's son, questioning the point of going to a government hospital if they had to spend Rs 1,500 on medicines. Worried at the lack of progress, they shifted him to a private hospital on May 25.

At the private hospital, the doctors said the medicines prescribed were not needed for Fayaz, a Madrassa teacher.

When *TNIE* shared the details of this case with Medical Superintendent of KC General Hospital, Dr B R Venkateshaiah, he said the medicines prescribed were the ones mentioned by the previous hospital from where he was referred to them. "The patient insisted on having the same medicines. We did not have the stock, so we asked to buy it from outside. He was recovering and was ready to be shifted to the general ward but he got himself discharged against medical advice. The staffers said there was no negligence in monitoring oxygen levels or administering medicines," he said.

Govt can't alter H'ghatta land: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court passed an interim order restraining the State Government from altering Hesaraghatta Grasslands in any manner on Wednesday.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj said the grassland should not be altered, after hearing a PIL by Nishanth Vijay, an urban conservationist.

He had challenged the rejection of proposal for declaring the Hesaraghatta Grasslands as 'The Greater Hesaraghatta Grasslands Conservation Reserve' in the meeting of Karnataka State Board for Wildlife, presided by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, without considering the objections raised by majority of the members of the Board.

However, the proposal was rejected on the recommendation of Yelahanka BJP MLA S R Vishwanath, who was invited to the meeting as a special invitee, though he was not entitled to attend it as per Wildlife Board Rules.

IN THE HC

In the 15th meeting of Karnataka State Board for Wildlife presided by CM B S Yediyurappa on January 19, 2021, MLA Vishwanath said that the forest department had objected to the development of road and laying electric line last year and same has caused inconvenience directly and indirectly to the people of villages surrounding grassland.

If it is declared as Greater Hesaraghatta Grassland Conservation Reserve Area, scarcity of land for government sponsored programmes will arise, he said.

Meanwhile, the HC order has come as a breather for conservationists. However, they said they will rest once the grasslands are declared a conservation reserve.

"The interim order is welcome, but we will not rest until all 5,000 acres of Hessarghatta grassland, including the scrub forest area, the lake and the government buildings are declared a conservation reserve by the state wildlife board," said a conservationist.

(With inputs from Bosky Khanna)

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai handing out raincoats, masks, and face shields to personnel of the Bengaluru City Traffic Police at Town Hall in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

Will provide raincoats to all traffic cops: Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

HOME Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the State Government will provide raincoats to all traffic policemen across the state.

He was speaking after inaugurating a Mobile Variable Messaging System, which displays customisable messages, traffic alerts, and warnings to road users, in front of Town Hall on Wednesday.

Bommai said CM BS Yediyurappa had asked him to provide raincoats to all traffic police staff in the state. "Following his instruction, it is decided to give raincoats to traffic policemen. We will utilise the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) fund to procure raincoats," he said. Further, he said that the works of 12 high-speed corridors to reduce traffic congestion in the city will be completed in another eight months. "The project will reduce traffic in the city, as vehicles using highways can reach any part of Bengaluru without entering the city," he added.

Mobile Variable Messaging System is provided by BMRCL at a cost of Rs 88 lakh. Meanwhile, 4,500 face shields, 8,000 hand gloves, and 4,750 raincoats were provided to police personnel by private companies under the CSR.

HC junks plea to stop mass vaccination

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday dismissed a PIL filed by an ex-serviceman and two others seeking directives to stop mass vaccination of Covishield and Covaxin. The court also imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 on the petitioners for wasting precious time of the court.

A special division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar directed NS Sriram and Niswarth Kochar, petitioner 2 and 3, respectively, to pay the cost within a month, while exempting Mathew Thomas (82), petitioner 1, from paying the cost as he is an ex-serviceman. "We decline to entertain the petition only on the ground that it was not filed in public interest. It is a fit case to impose exemplary costs as it is consumed 45 minutes, which could have been devoted to deal with important issues arising out of Covid-19," the court said.

The counsel of the petitioners contended that it is not clear under what authority of law the Centre permitted to administer vaccines without completing clinical trials. He also argued that if these two vaccines are administered, it will lead to a disastrous situation as in the case of administration of vaccine for Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

MCC Mayor disqualification upheld

The HC on Wednesday upheld the disqualification of Rukmini Madegowda as corporator of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The trial court had disqualified Rukmini, representing JDS, as corporator for allegedly not disclosing asset details in the affidavit filed with nomination papers in 2018. The court was dealing with a petition by Congress candidate Rajani Annaiah.

CRIME PATROL

Nigerian man found dead in Kalkere canal

BENGALURU: The body of a 35-year-old Nigerian was found floating in a canal attached to Kalkere lake in Ramamurthy Nagar police station limits, on Tuesday evening. The police are investigating whether it was an accidental death, suicide or any foul play is involved. The deceased has been identified as Peter Ofor, a resident of Banjara Layout, who sold apparel for a livelihood. "It's alleged that some people were trying to catch him and Ofor was trying to escape. We are verifying the footage captured by CCTV cameras in the locality," an officer said.

Karimnagar Smart City Corporation Limited
Karimnagar; Telangana

KSCCL intends to conduct the following under Smart Cities Mission in https://karimnagarcorporation.telangana.gov.in/website.
Industry consultation/Workshop through virtual meeting for the proposed "Remediation and Reclamation of Existing Dumpsite through Biomining" in Karimnagar, Ref No. 22/KSCCL/2020-21 datd 25.05.2021
(1) Download Start date: 27.05.2021, 1 PM. (2) Industry Consultation through Virtual Meeting & Last date for submission of documents: 31.05.2021
R.O. No: 1819-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT1/2021-22 Date: 26-05-2021
Managing Director, Karimnagar Smart City Corporation Limited

Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency
(A Govt.of Karnataka Organization)
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website : www.kssoca.org
No.KSSOCA/ADM/E-tender/SCO/CO-OPOA/DR/NW/G-D/OS/2021-22 Dt: 25.05.2021

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency invites e procurement tenders from reputed Manpower providers for Outsourcing the Sevices of Seed Certification officers, Organic Certification Officers, PS/PA to The Chairman, PA to The Director, Computer operator cum Office Assistant, Drivers, D-Group (Attenders/watchmen) as per KTPP Act, 1999 and Rule 2000. The Tender application must be submitted with separate Technical and Commercial bids in electronic format only through e-procurement Portal. **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** The tender details can be downloaded in the above e-procurement portal free of cost **from 25.05.2021 to 11.06.2021.** The last date for submission of e tender through on-line is **11.06.2021 at 5.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Joint Director of Seed Certification
KSSOCA, Bengaluru

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICINE/SURGICAL/LAB

Principal Chief Medical Director, Headquarters, Southern Railway, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites ONLINE open tenders for the following supply contract as per Tender Notice given in IREPS website. Firms are requested to log on to http://www.ireps.gov.in->E-Tender->Goods and Services (New) and quote against these tenders. Closing time for the tenders is 11:00 hours on the date noted against each below.

S.No.	Tender No	Description	Quantity
1	21012049	RIVAROXABAN 10 MG	25844
2	21013031	PRAZOCIN GITS 5MG	371880
3	21031105	INSULIN LISPRO 50/50	9460
4	21031110	INSULIN LISPRO 25/75	20635
5	21031204	INSULIN LISPRO 300 I.U.	10265
6	21031212	INSULIN ASPART 30/70 CART	16020
7	21031220	LIRAGLUTIDE 18 MG	870
8	21031225	DEGLUDEC 300 I.U.	3335
9	21032046	SITAGLIPTIN + MET 500 MG	443324
10	21032048	SITAGLIPTIN 100 MG	260215
11	21032068	SITAGLIPTIN + MET 1G	303699
12	21032072	LINAGLIPTIN 5 MG	193440
13	21032096	DAPAGLIFLOZIN 10 MG	195930
14	21032099	EMPAGLIFLOZIN 25 MG	67790
15	21053295	FOSFOMYCIN 4 GM	1893
16	21065027	PEMBROLIZUMAB 100 MG	24
17	21065079	PERTUZUMAB 420 MG	36
18	21065096	ELTROMBOPAG 50 MG	2989
19	21065222	PALBOCICLIB 125 MG	756
20	21065288	ATEZOLIZUMAB 840 MG	41
21	21092012	CRESOL 5% WITH SOAP SOLN	6555
22	21152100	TRANSCATHETER HEART VALVE	3
23	21202601	MECH PROSTHETIC VALVE	120
24	21277650	DISP. INSULIN SYRINGE 31G	1125700
25	21278036	STERILE GLOVES SIZE 6.5	193150
26	21278101	EXAMINATION GLOVES	559000
27	21309918	VITROS SYPHILIS - CPRT	27000
28	21309920	VITROS HCV-CPRT	18800
29	21347550	ABG CARTRIDGE EPOC	5600
30	21391235	MICRO INCISE CATARACT IOL	500
31	21413011	TROCHANTER FEMUR NAIL	73
32	21421003	REV TOTAL KNEE PROSTHESIS	18
33	21421014	HING-REV-TK ARTHROPLAST	15
34	21526018	REINFORCED ST SURG GOWN	50500
35	21526025	FACE MASK - DISPOSABLE	602000
36	21526089	PRE OP PATIENT GOWN KIT	34190
37	21431000	SUPPLY OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS/PROS.	173 Items

Due Date (Sl. No. 1 - 37): **17-06-2021**

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No.159 / OPID Date. 25.05.2021

Invitation of online claim application from the depositors of **Hi-Tech Estates and Promoters Private Limited and M/s Rajadhani Systems and Estate Private Limited for identification of genuine depositors.**

The General Public of the State of Odisha are hereby informed that, in order to comply the order dated 15.07.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Designated Court (under OPID Act), Cuttack in I.A Case No. 02/2018 filed against **Hi-Tech Estates and Promoters Private Limited and others,** the online claim applications are invited from the depositors who have invested money in the **Kalyan Vihar, Kalyan Vihar Phase-II, Bhagya Nagar, Kunja Vihar and Pushpanjali Enclave plotted schemes of Hi-Tech Estates and Promoters Private Limited and M/s Rajdhani System and Estate Pvt. Ltd.** to get land (plots) and defrauded by the said Companies, which neither returned their deposits nor provided them with any land/ plot, so as to identify the Genuine depositors and their actual claim.

Applicants can submit online claim applications through the Odisha Government website **www.opid.odisha.gov.in** On their own or by taking assistance of a Mo Seva Kendra (MSK). This website will remain open from dt 04.06.2021 at 11.00 AM to dt. 19.07.2021 at 12.00 midnight for submission of online claim applications. The fees for submission of online claim application through the Mo Seva Kendra. are indicated below, which has been notified by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of Odisha vide their Notification No. 558/E & IT **dated 12.02.2021** The, offline / physical applications in this regard shall not be entertained.

The applicants should attach self-attested scanned copies of the relevant documents in support 0f their claim as indicated in the online application form. The authority may in case, where feel necessary, refer any claim of deposit to Income Tax Department or other appropriate authority for verification. In case, it is noticed that any application is fake or based on false information, the applicant shall be liable for criminal action as per Law and the same application will be cancelled. Incomplete /defective applications are liable for rejection.

Fee prescribed for submission of online application through the Mo Seva Kendra.

1. Online application fill up and uploading - Rs. 20.00.
2. Printing. of each page (Black and White, A4 size or less) - Rs. 5.00.
3. Scanning of each page (A4 size) - Rs. 3.00.

N.B.: If the applicant encounter any technical problems while submitting online application he/she may contact in Toll Free Number 18003456770 / 155335, between 10.00 AM to 06.00 PM every day except Sunday .

Sd/- Additional District Magistrate & Competent Authority, Cuttack

राष्ट्रीय इस्पात निगम लिमिटेड
RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
VISAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT
WORKS CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS

Ref.No.VSP/WC/REGN-N/2021-22 Date:27.05.2021

1. Fresh applications are invited online for **Registration of Contractors** for various works in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.
2. **Registered Agencies having validity up to 31/08/2021 also need to apply for renewal of Registration, online.**
3. Last date for submission of **"ONLINE"** application: On or before 17th June 2021. The applications will be processed on first-cum-first serve basis.
4. Print out of the filled in online application, duly signed, with all supporting documents alongwith DD/BC for Rs.1,100/- in favour of RINL-payable at Visakhapatnam towards Registration application cost & processing fee, shall be submitted in a file to "The office of GM (Works Contracts)I/c, 1st floor, Works Contracts Department, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, Visakhapatnam-530 031 on or before **24th June, 2021**.

Contact: **Sri T Jagadeswar Rao**, DGM & Convener - CRC, Works Contracts, Ph:0891-2518763(PP) Cell:9177161699

For online Application Forms, other details & corrigendums please visit regularly www.vizagsteel.com/Contracts/Common Contractors Registration

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DEMAND NOTICE TO THE BORROWER

Notice u/s 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter called SARFAESI 'Act')

'We, **Uco Bank, Ramanagar Branch-2805,** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has been returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Aslam Pasha (Main Applicant), S/o Mr. Mohammed Khashim Sab, # No. 131, 2nd Main Road, Minhaj Nagara, Kadirenahalli, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **2) Mrs. Shakira Begum (Co-Applicant)** # No. 131, 2nd Main Road, Minhaj Nagara, Kadirenahalli, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
Loan Account No: 28050610005941
Total Amount Outstanding: Rs.24,51,277/- Rupees Twenty Four lakhs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest charge up to **30.09.2020**) with interest and incidental expenses, costs, etc.,
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Notice Dated : 12.04.2021
Description of the Scheduled Property : Equitable Mortgage Of Properties Comprising: Residential land and building
SALE /Title DEED No.- 10234/2013-14, Dated :-24-02-2014
All that piece & parcel of Schedule Property bearing Muncipal Khatha No.823/824/176/181A, Site No.67, Site measuring East to West: 30 feets, North to South: 40 feets, and Khata No.830/A/824/A176/A181A/1, Site No.74, Site measuring East to West: 30 feets, North to South: 16.60 feets and Total Site measuring by above two Khatas East to West:- 30 (Thirty) Feet, North to South :- 56.60 (Fifty Six & Half) Feet, (Total 1695 Sqft) Situated at Kottipura Amanikere, Ward No.24/5, Ramanagara Town and District. Bounded By: East by: Site No.68 & Part of Site No.75, West by: Site No.66 & Part of Site No.73, North by: Property belongs Haji Arif Pasha & Saleem Pasha, South by: Road.
In the name of : Mr. Aslam Pasha, S/o Late Mohammed Khasim Sab

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr.Akram Pasha (Main Applicant), S/o Late Mr.Gouse Khan, #Ward No. 23, Near Tippu Masjid, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara. Karnataka-562159, **2.Mrs.Nagina Taj (Co-Applicant)** W/o Mr.Akram Pasha #Ward No.-23, Near Tippu Masjid, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159,
Lone Account No: 28050610006528
Total Amount Outstanding: Rs.19,91,661/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest charge up to **30.09.2020**) with interest and incidental expenses, costs, etc.,
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Notice Dated : 17.04.2021
Description of the Scheduled Property : Equitable Mortgage Of Properties Comprising: Residential land and building
SALE /Title DEED No.- 6069/2006-07, Dated :-17-10-2006
All that piece & parcel of Residential Site Property bearing Mun K.No.677A/559/37/1, measuring East to West-22 Feet, North to South - 50 Feet, Situated at Kothipura Extension, Ramanagar Town and District. Bounded By:- East by :- Site Property of Rafeeq, West by :- Site Property of Aslam, North by :- Site Property of Habeeb, South by:- Road.
In the name of :- Mrs. Nagina Taj, W/o Akram Pasha.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. Ammayamma (Main Applicant) W/o Veerabhadraiah, #No.0646, Ward No.07, Beside Old Canara Bank, Nagappa Beedi, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159 **2) Mr.Umesh R.V (Co- Applicant)** S/o Veerabhadraiah, #No.0646, Ward No.07, Beside Old Canara Bank, Nagappa Beedi, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159 **Personal Guarantee of 1) Mr.Karthik V.** S/o Shri Veerabhadraiah, **2) Mr. Ashok Kumar R.V.** S/o Shri Veerabhadraiah
Lone Account No: 28050610013410
Total Amount Outstanding: Rs.4,83,862.09 (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two and Paisa Nine Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest charge up to **28.02.2020**) with interest and incidental expenses, costs, etc.,
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Notice Dated : 17.04.2021
Description of the Scheduled Property : Equitable Mortgage Of Properties Comprising: Residential land and building
Registered Partition Deed Title DEED No.- RMN-1-08687/2015-16, Dated: 04.01.2016
All that piece & parcel of immovable Residential Property bearing No. Mun K.No.134/646A, measuring East to West-15 Feet, North to South -19 Feet, Situated at Ward No-07, Opposite to Old Canara Bank Building, Kammannagudi Circle, Nagappa Galli, M.G Road, Ramanagara Town and District-562159 Bounded By: East by: Share of Chikkannaiah in 'C' Schedule, West by: House of Chikka Thimmaiah, North by: House of Kempaiah,South by: Nagappa Beedhi,
In the name of :- Mrs. Ammayamma W/o Veerabhadraiah,

4. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Mr. Mohammed Aslam (Main Applicant) S/o Abdul Salam Sab #39, Ward no-17, Behind Post office, Masjid Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159. **Personal Guarantee of Mr. Abdul Samad,** S/o Mr. Mohammed Aslam #39, Ward no-17, Behind Post office, Masjid Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159.
Lone Account No: 28050610007563
Total Amount Outstanding: Rs.1,36,883/- (Rupees One Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest charge up to **28.02.2020**) with interest and incidental expenses, costs, etc.,
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Notice Dated : 17.04.2021
Description of the Scheduled Property : Equitable Mortgage Of Properties Comprising: Residential land and building
Registered Gift Deed / Title Deed No. 3728/01-02 dt: 13.02.2002
All that piece & parcel of immovable Residential Site Property bearing Muncipal Khaneshumari No. 134/4537, measuring East to West -35 Feet, North to south -17 Feet, and RCC roofed Mangalore Tiled House Property bearing East to West -40 Feet, North to South -9 Feet, Both Properties are Situated at Masjid Mohalla, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagara Town and District Bounded By: East by: Conservancy Land & Property of Mustafa Khan & Nazir Khan, West by: Mohd. Davood's Property, North by: Aftab's & Asif Saheb's Property, South by: Property of Nazir Khan.
In the name of :- Mr. Mohammed Aslam S/o Abdul Salam Sab

5. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. Nagamma (Main Applicant), W/o Late. Nataraj #No.52, 1st Road, Vill/Town-Chamundipura, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159 **Office Address :-** M/s. R.K. Lingaraju Apparels # No.541, Parvathinilaya, Near Chamundeshwari Temple, Kalsipaya, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159. **2) Mr. Hemanth Kumar (Co-Applicant)** S/o Late. Nataraj, # No.52, 1st Road, Vill/Town-Chamundipura, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159
Lone Account No: 28050610010235
Total Amount Outstanding: Rs.2,91,167/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest charge up to **31.10.2020**) with interest and incidental expenses, costs, etc.,
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Notice Dated : 17.04.2021
Description of the Scheduled Property : Equitable Mortgage Of Properties Comprising: Residential land and building
Registered Partition Deed/ Title Deed No. RMN-1-04082/2005-06, Dated : 25.01.2006
All that piece & parcel of Immovable Residential site Property bearing Khatha No Mun K.No.291(A) / 128/2, Old Sy.No.128/2, measuring (0-01 guntas) East to West-30 Feet, North to South - 35 Feet, Situated at Vaderahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara Town and District. Bounded By:- East by: :- Road, West by: Goolaiah Lands, North by: Smt. Jayamma's Land, South by: Landed Property of Smt. Ningamma.
In the name of :- Mrs. Nagamma, W/o Late. Nataraj

You are here by called upon to pay **Uco Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Uco Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Uco Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Uco Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 26.05.2021
Place : Ramanagar
Sd/- Chief Manager, Authorised Officer Uco Bank

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 04 UBL 2021
Dated 21.05.2021
The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Description of Work	Approx. Value
Provision of Telecom arrangements for Civil Engineering Training Centre at Hubballi.	Rs. 49,46,780/-

Last date of submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 24.06.2021**
For details log on: **www.ireps.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Hubballi
PUB/53/AASP/PRB/SWR/2021-22

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, (OLD NAME) SARA FATHIMA, residing at No. 43, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Ram Geetha Mandir Cross Road, Pemmegowda Road, J.C.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SARA FATHIMA** to **(NEW NAME) AMINA SAIBAH KHAN** vide affidavit Dated 05/05/2021 sworn before Notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)
ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26–05–2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ನಂ : 779 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 26–02–2021

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2018–19 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶಾಸಕರ ಅನುದಾನ 2020–21, ಹಾಗೂ 2021–22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ, ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿಯ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು :
(1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116320 ರೂ. **27.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–113599 ರೂ. **10.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116442 ರೂ. **47.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116379 ರೂ. **34.30** ಲಕ್ಷ

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ (ST) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು :
(5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116321 ರೂ. **30.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116440 ರೂ. **22.00** ಲಕ್ಷ

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು :
(7) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116729 ರೂ. **4.45** ಲಕ್ಷ (8) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116387 ರೂ. **26.71** ಲಕ್ಷ (9) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116254 ರೂ. **10.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (10) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115908 ರೂ. **30.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (11) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116322 ರೂ. **9.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (12) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116395 ರೂ. **49.80** ಲಕ್ಷ (13) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116354 ರೂ. **2.45** ಲಕ್ಷ (14) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116447 ರೂ. **42.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (15) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116444 ರೂ. **30.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (16) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116439 ರೂ. **24.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (17) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116450 ರೂ. **6.20** ಲಕ್ಷ (18) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116366 ರೂ. **6.47** ಲಕ್ಷ (19) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116372 ರೂ. **32.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (20) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–115958 ರೂ. **11.60** ಲಕ್ಷ (21) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116734 ರೂ. **63.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (22) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–116111 ರೂ. **87.00** ಲಕ್ಷ

ಮರು ಕರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು :
(23) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–110802 ರೂ. **3.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ) (24) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–109885 ರೂ. **3.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
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(27) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–111456 ರೂ. **25.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) 28) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–110137 ರೂ. **20.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
(29) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–109925 ರೂ. **25.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) (30) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–111453 ರೂ. **25.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)
(31) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ–106937 ರೂ. **19.80** ಲಕ್ಷ (5ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **0836:2213834** ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿ : **31–05–2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **01** ರಿಂದ **31** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **08–06–2021** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **01** ರಿಂದ **20** ಹಾಗೂ **23** ರಿಂದ **31** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **21** ಮತ್ತು **22**ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **09–06–2021** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

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Government of Odisha, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK

B-104

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(RFP)

RFP No. S.E.Ctc.(R&B)6/2021-22

1. The Superintending Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invited proposal from experienced and reputed consultants registered with council for empanelment to prepare GAD, Detailed Project Report (DPR) to be received on online mode as per the terms & conditions detailed in the below to be eventually drawn in PWD Form P1 for the work.
2. No. of work :- 1 No.
3. Nature of work :- RFP work.
4. Class of contractor :- Experienced & Reputed Consultants registered with council for empanelment to prepare GAD & DPR.
5. Tender paper cost :- Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid documents in the web site. :- From 09.06.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 24.06.2021
7. Date of opening of bid :- Dt.25.06.2021 at 11.00 Hours.
8. The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
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('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)

Bid Identification No.S.E.Ctc.(R&B) 5/2021-22.

1. The Superintending Engineer, Cuttack (R&B)Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building work as mentioned below.
2. No. of work :- 1 No.
3. Nature of work :- Building work.
4. Class of contractor :- Special & Super Class.
5. Tender paper cost :- Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid documents in the web site. :- From 04.06.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 21.06.2021
7. Date of opening of bid :- Dt.22.06.2021 at 11.00 Hours.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Cuttack(R&B) Circle

OIPR- 34012/11/0006/2122

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The GM(P)/SC, RITES Ltd on behalf of TSGENCO invites online percentage rate bids on two packet system for the Open e-Tender

NIT No: RITES/SC/YTPS /Composite Work/2021, dated 25.05.2021.

Name of the work: " TSGENCO-(5x800MW) YTPS - E/W in Railway formation (Embankment & Cutting); Construction of Minor & Major Bridges including ROR at KM. 133.900 of VNUP - BN section of SC Railway; Supply of PSC sleepers, Points & X-ings, P-way Fittings including Track Ballast; Track Linking; Over Head Electrification (OHE) and other allied works for the proposed BG Railway Siding of Yadadri Thermal Power Station at Veerapalem village of Damarcharla Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana.".Estimated cost: **Rs.294,35,70,191.39** EMD: **Rs. 5,89,71,500.00** completion Period: 18 months, Last time & date of submission of Bid : **15:00 Hrs, 17.06.2021**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app

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List of pledges:-

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34936/-, CHAIN 1, 6650, NAYAGAM EDWIN A, 12287/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6966, ANITHA H D, 24874/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7055, GOPALA GOWDA, 175744/-, CHAIN 2, 7601, DEVARAJU, 120339/-, DROPS & STUD 8,FINGER RINGS 3, 130140730050733, RAVI CK, 68660/-, BRACELET 1, 1507, ABHISHEK C K, 85218/-, BROAD BANGLES 2,
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SHIVEGOWDA, 6982/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9548, CHANDRA SHEKHAR, 8500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9550, T J MADHU, 20500/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 9556, PRAVEEN M V, 134881/-, BROAD BANGLES 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 9558, SOMASHEKAR J T, 48700/-, CHAIN 1, 9566, HARISHA, 20997/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9577,
INDRAMMA, 28900/-, DROPS & STUD 4,MATTI 2, 9579, INDRAMMA, 13700/-, STUD 2, 9583, RAVI B R, 51400/-, CHAIN 1, 9584, SHANKARA, 67000/-, CHAIN 1, 9585, MOHANKUMARI, 55000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 9586, SHANKARA, 29500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9587, SUMITHRA SS, 10700/-, FINGER RINGS 2,
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5, 0524, SURENDRA B V, 41404/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 0544, DEVARAJA G R, 27370/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0545, HARISH M S, 9643/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0546, HARISH M S, 22002/-, LOCKET 1,STUD 2, 0555, N RAVICHANDRA, 127625/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 0556, MOHANRAJA B C, 16760/-, DROPS & STUD
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LOKESH, 19000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9476, PRAMILA V, 14957/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 9488, CHANDRAKALA V, 47938/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 9539, KUMAR, 9987/-, STUD 2, 9586, RIHANA, 12629/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9995, PRABHAVATHI B, 22416/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 107250700050097, RAVI, 9984/-,
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BANGLE 1, 0187, SANKARA CHARI, 42970/-, DROPS 2, 0191, DHANANJAYA, 7800/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0201, SOMASHEKHAR HITTALAMANI, 9897/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0205, PRADEEP, 60500/-, CHAIN 1, 0210, SRIKANTH N, 4800/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0211, MAHENDRA S, 42000/-, CHAIN 1, 0213, RAMESH MUIJI PATEL, 197197/-,
CHAIN 2, 0217, ASHOK H E, 68500/-, CHAIN 1, 0221, RAMESH BALU, 74000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 0227, KAVITHA N, 15800/-, STUD 2, 0240, KUMAR, 19547/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0242, KUMAR, 92466/-, CHAIN 2, 0243, KUMAR, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0244, PUSHPA, 15200/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0247, VIJAYA KUMAR, 43000/-,
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NAVEENKUMAR TALAWAR, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0297, B T THIMMARAJU, 57938/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 0301, SHOBHA M, 57070/-, CHAIN 1, 0303, NAVEEN P, 24400/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 0307, SHIVARAJ M, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 0311, NAVEEN P, 10100/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 107250730014227, VINUTH N S, 120327/-,
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STUD 2, 7062, PRAMILA V, 18530/-, CHAIN 1, 7063, PRAMILA V, 11433/-, DROPS 2, 7190, SRINIVAN, 17629/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7191, SRINIVA N, 8033/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7263, INDUSHEKAR MK, 9990/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 7272, POTALA CHANDRAIAH, 34560/-, CHAIN 1, 7335, ROCKLINE VILMA, 51866/-, LOCKET 1,
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DHANANJAYA, 17449/-, STUD 2, 9659, JAYARAM, 229466/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS 8,FINGER RINGS 5, 9701, RAMESH P, 41075/-, CHAIN 1, 9739, LINGARAJU S, 7967/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9751, SOWJANYA S, 58294/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 4, 9796, VINEETHA, 23370/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 9811, KUMAR, 80142/-,
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GIRISH S, 93867/-, CHAIN 1, 9980, MOHAMMED MUSADDIQ, 77570/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 2, 9988, MOHAMMED MUSADDIQ, 61461/-, NECKLACE 1, 9989, MOHAMMED MUSADDIQ, 38321/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 107250730020034, SUNIL D, 133166/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 2, 0036,
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RINGS 1, 7475, SANTHOSH B R, 19526/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7592, ANIL KUMAR B G, 14600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8247, MAMTHA, 31000/-, LOCKET 1, 8255, SHAILAJA, 99000/-, MATTI 2,NECKLACE 1, 8267, SHAHBAZ BS, 21900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8268, SHAHBAZ BS, 23100/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8269, SHAHBAZ BS, 8188/-, DROPS &
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STUD 2, 8440, MUBEENA, 6000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8442, SURAPOGU JAMEELA, 23000/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 8443, SURAPOGU JAMEELA, 11850/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8448, CHANDRASHEKARA V, 26000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8449, RAMANJINEYA, 108277/-, FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 8452, ADIREDDY, 55000/-
, CHAIN 1, 8455, PILLAIGOWDA, 60400/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8458, CHIRATH V, 70800/-, CHAIN 1, 8460, PARVEZ, 99800/-, NECKLACE 1, 8465, MAHENDRA M, 22631/-, LOCKET 1, 8466, MAHENDRA M, 33604/-, BANGLE 2, 8467, MAHENDRA M, 206082/-, CHAIN 1, 8468, ANIL KUMAR B G, 176176/-, CHAIN 1, 8473,
HEMAVATI, 26000/-, STUD 2, 8479, KUMAR K, 205000/-, BRACELET 1,NECKLACE 1, 8480, R KAMALAMMA, 273000/-, NECKLACE 1, 8486, ANNESHA, 166992/-, CHAIN 1, 8490, SURENDRA V, 75000/-, CHAIN 1, 8493, MASTAN PASHA, 97000/-, FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 1, 8494, RAJASHEKAR, 31000/-, LOCKET 1, 129800730005867,
DANTHURI SHEKAR, 29448/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5975, NAVEEN KUMAR M, 9018/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6477, MADHU KUMAR N, 30029/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6482, KHADAR NAWAZ KHAN, 128367/-, CHAIN 1, 6492, PACHA, 14008/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 6498, JYOTHI K, 5697/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6505, GAGAN GOWDA, 110400/-,
CHAIN 2, 6506, MALYALA BHASKARA, 33358/-, CHAIN 1, 6521, N SURESHA BABU, 28188/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6524, SYED FAIZ S, 10009/-, CHAIN 1, 6541, BHASKARA B, 50037/-, CHAIN 1, 6546, SHAMANTH KUMAR V, 27290/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6547, KUMAR M, 84050/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 6548, NAGESH M,
24906/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6549, NAGESH M, 23197/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6560, SUNIL KUMAR, 7218/-, STUD 3, 6592, RAJASHEKAR, 9909/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6599, NITIN KUMAR M, 34970/-, CHAIN 1, CHIKKABALLAPUR, BAGEPALLI, 132700700022518, RAJUNAYAK, 150065/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2,NECKLACE 1, 2592,
SHIVAKUMAR, 23453/-, STUD 2, 2609, AMARESHA B N, 32968/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 2723, MANJUNATH V, 53704/-, DROPS 4,FINGER RINGS 2, 2734, RASHID S R, 17947/-, STUD 2, 2814, B VENKATESH, 88933/-, NECKLACE 1, 2842, HARISHA K, 9992/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2974, SATHISHA Y A, 23849/-, NECKLACE 1,
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NECKLACE 1, 3469, MANJUNATHA, 11970/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3506, HARISH P, 22975/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 3543, CHINNA VENKATAPPA, 12000/-, STUD 2, 3566, SOMASHEKAR B S, 151151/-, CHAIN 1,STUD 2, 3626, SRINIVAS, 19975/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3665, PRAKASHA V, 67811/-, CHAIN 1, 4414, SARASPATHI, 126192/-,
NECKLACE 1, 4416, BABUNAYAKA, 15000/-, DROPS 2, 4445, VENKATAREDDY M, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4448, ASWATHANARAYANA, 25000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 4467, VENKATARAVANAPPA, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4470, YALLAPPA, 11547/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4480, PRAKASH Y.N, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS
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NARASAREDDY, 10000/-, STUD 2, 4576, NARASIMHAMURTHY C K, 8000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4579, NAGARAJA, 13250/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4582, VENKATESHAMMA G, 22900/-, DROPS & STUD 2,LOCKET 3, 4585, LAKSHMINARAYANAPPA, 60000/-, NECKLACE 1, 4590, VENKATAREDDY B A, 236236/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 4,
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ANANDA S G, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 4713, MUTTAPPA, 33000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4715, CHIKKA VENKATARAVANAPPA, 11031/-, STUD 2, 4716, MANJULA P N, 23000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 4720, GUNTAPALLI ASWARDHAPPA, 32287/-, CHAIN 1, 4721, GUNTAPALLI ASWARDHAPPA, 74845/-, NECKLACE 1, 4722, SHIVAKUMAR, 46500/-,
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A team of two staff nurses with one doctor in an Additional Primary Health Centre delivered six babies in a 36-hour marathon at Veerapandi in Villupuram. Dr A Shahjith Ali (27), along with A Agalya and R Kavi Bharathi had been taking care of the delivery of six women

Despite odds, Doreswamy never backed out

For the past 78 years, freedom fighter lent his voice to various pro-people agitations

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BE it the Quit India movement or a protest against dumping garbage in Bengaluru's neighbourhood, freedom fighter H S Doreswamy did not stop or hesitate to raise his voice. Irrespective of the government, Doreswamy lent his voice to various pro-people agitations for the past 78 years.

Born on April 10, 1918 in Harohalli near Bengaluru, Doreswamy was taken care of by his grandparents after he lost his parents at the age of five. After getting a BSc degree from Central College in Bengaluru, he taught science and mathematics at a high school in the city. He was part of the Quit India movement and was even jailed for 14 months. Post imprisonment, he worked as a journalist.

After the country got independence, he entered activism. He was even sent to jail when he wrote a letter to then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the Emergency in 1975. In the 1980s, he was involved in various movements for the rights of farmers, workers of the unorganised sector and other marginalised communities. Later, he actively participated in the India Against Corruption movement.

In Karnataka, for more than a decade, the late freedom fighter took part in agitations where he raised his voice against the encroachment of water bodies, land grabbing and many other issues. He played an important role in stopping garbage from Bengaluru being dumped in Mandur village. He was also part of the agitation against the eviction of tribals in Kodagu.

Last year in February, Doreswamy, 102 years of age then, sat on a five-day dharna in Bengaluru against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). This February, Doreswamy lent his voice in support of climate activist Disha Ravi, who was arrested. Just before he was hospitalised in May, he wrote a column for a local newspaper.

A LIFE OF STRUGGLE

- **1942:** Took part in Quit India movement
- **1943:** Sentenced to 14 months in jail after he was named in a case of using bombs and burning files belonging to the British
- **1947:** As a journalist, he took part in 'Mysore Chalo' movement to bring pressure on the Mysore Maharaja to accede to the Union. He used to publish from undisclosed locations
- **1950s:** Took part in unification of Karnataka
- **1975:** During Emergency, he was sent to jail for four months for writing letter to the then PM Indira Gandhi.
- **1980s:** Took part in agitation involving farmers rights
- **2014:** Led an anti-encroachment protest in Bengaluru
- **2014:** Participated in protest with Mandur villagers to stop dumping of garbage from Bengaluru
- **2016:** Then 98 years old, he travelled more than 500 km from Bengaluru to Belagavi to stage satyagraha at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, demanding land for landless people
- **2017:** Took part in agitation against encroachment of lakes in Bengaluru
- **2017:** He was part of the agitation raising voice against Gauri Lankesh's murder
- **2020:** Took part in agitation against Citizenship (Amendment) Act, National Register of Citizens and National Population Register
- **2020:** Participated in agitation against farm bills

Post Independence, he led yet another struggle for society

S R HIREMATH

H S Doreswamy was a man of determination and led several struggles post Independence in Karnataka. My first association with Doreswamy was our agitation for farmers in the Tungabhadra basin. Being with us till the recent agitations in Ballari against indiscriminate mining activities, Doreswamy stood strong with those he considered were doing the right thing to help society.

He was criticised for his thoughts and bold statements, but he was unmoved and spoke his heart. I met Harohalli Srinivasaiah Doreswamy first in the early 1980s when I had just returned from the USA. I started my work with a village upliftment programme in Medleri of the undivided Dharwad district and since then, Doreswamy stood with me in every agitation.

He was aware about the programmes of farmers, tribal communities and the landless. His thoughts and ideas were for giving a better life for many underprivileged. He was also hurt when several political developments in Karnataka and India tried to exploit the natural resources. His heart was beating for the agitations that were taking place against illegal mining in Ballari.

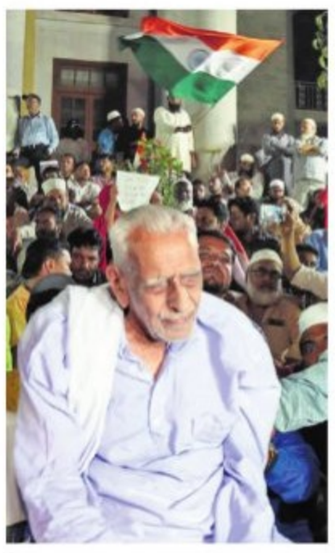
Since the 1980s, I have been fortunate to be close with Dr Shivaram Karanth and H S Doreswamy. Our protests and agitations have inculcated the thoughts of these two great men and we will continue to do so. Doreswamy never hesitated in supporting youngsters and their ideas. He used to listen to them patiently and many a times, agreed to support their cause. He would always tell us the agitations and protests must be done in such a way that the government agrees to the demands. He was also happy that the ongoing farmers' agitation in India was one of the largest such movements in independent India.

Doreswamy had a clear vision when it came to fighting against the establishment for the betterment of society. Be it agitations at Tungabhadra basin, or against the nuclear power plant in Kaiga and damming of the Sharavati, Doreswamy's support was always there. He had suggested that we intensify the agitations in Ballari before the natural resources could get depleted. He was against the illegality in mining, forest management and beneficiary schemes for farmers.

For Doreswamy, age was just a number. In the last few years, he supported several movements that originated from Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka. His demise is a big loss to society. Doreswamy had his ideas implemented while formulating the national forest policy, joint forest management programme and was also instrumental in setting up of village forest committees. When we started working with him in Haveri and Ballari, we had created health workers at the village level and they worked like today's ASHA workers. As a veteran freedom fighter, Doreswamy understood the problems of the people and he would console them. His suggestions and observations over agitations gave us immense direction and strength.

(As told to Amit S Upadhye)

People pay their last respects to freedom fighter HS Doreswamy at Chamarajapet in Bengaluru on Wednesday. (Above) His mortal remains being taken for cremation | KPN, SRIRAM BN



He encouraged me to join protests: Santosh Hegde

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I HAVE a great regard for him and I learnt a lot about people's perception of administration from him. He encouraged me to get onto the protesting stage. I always wondered if it was possible for him to come out and protest as he was in his nineties already.

He ought to have been recognised for his work, not with a post of minister or any position, but at least with some awards. He never got any Padma recognition. Ironically, they conducted his last rites with state honours. I sarcastically wrote, "Is it to make sure he is gone?" When they know he is gone and cannot protest anymore, they have given him the state honour. He was against the establishment, and the establishment never recognised him. He was a simple person, but did a lot to protect democracy from the establishment. Life is not permanent. He had to go, but he lived his life for others.

As told to Bansy Kalappa

CYCLONE YAAS LANDFALL

Odisha's Balasore worst-hit, one killed, lakhs left stranded

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Balasore

A YOUTH died and lakhs of people were affected in Balasore district of Odisha as cyclone Yaas made landfall at Bahanaga on Wednesday. The deceased, a 22-year-old man of Bhaskarganja village in Sahadevkhunta, died after a tree fell on him. The cyclone wreaked havoc in several parts of the district with Baliapal and Bhograi blocks bearing the maximum brunt apart from Bahanaga. Thousands of people in both the blocks were stranded after tidal waves entered several seaside villages. In Bhograi block, 30 jetties at Talasari beach and 22 at Udaypur were damaged due to high tidal waves. These apart, above 200 shops at the beaches suffered damage due to strong winds.

Chakradhar Sahoo of Baliapal's Badatalapada village said many villagers were forced to take shelter on the roof of their houses as around 10 feet high tidal waves swept in and inundated the area. People also complained of their household belongings, electronic accessories and stocked dry food being damaged. Sahoo said all the 200 families of the village were evacuated to the nearest school building and an abandoned helipad where they took shelter under tents erected by the local administration.

Ashok Patra of Chowmukh near Dagara beach said around 150 families were marooned in the village due to water-logging and property worth lakhs of rupees were damaged. In Kumbhirgadhi panchayat under Bhograi block, 700 people were affected as seawater entered their villages. District emergency officer Rizwana Kawkab said many trees were uprooted in Nilagiri, Oupada, Bahanaga and Simulia under the impact. Over 1.5 lakh people were evacuated to safer places by Wednesday morning.

As cyclone Yaas left a trail of destruction, neighbours shifting an old man to a safe place, near Dhamra port in Bhadrak on Wednesday | IRFANA

SQUALLY WIND WARNING ISSUED FOR ANDHRA'S COAST

AMARAVATI: IN view of the severe cyclonic storm Yaas crossing the coastal parts of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) on Wednesday issued a squally wind warning to three north coastal districts namely Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Vishakhapatnam. As per the SDMA release, squally wind speed reaching 50-60 km per hour, gusting to 70 km per hour, would prevail over Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Vishakhapatnam districts of Andhra Pradesh till May 26 noon. It has also advised the fishermen not to venture into the sea. "The fishermen are advised not to venture into the central Bay of Bengal till May 26 afternoon and into the north Bay of Bengal and along and off north Odisha-West Bengal-Bangladesh coasts till May 27 morning," the SDMA said. Sea condition would be phenomenal over the northwest Bay of Bengal along, and off Odisha, West Bengal, and Bangladesh coasts, and high to very high over adjoining West-central Bay of Bengal and rough to very rough along and off north Andhra Pradesh coast till May 26 afternoon.

EXPRESS READ

STALIN URGES 'LETHARGIC' CENTRE TO REPEAL THREE FARM LAWS

Chennai: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday urged the Union government to withdraw three farm laws, for the welfare of farming community. In a press release, Stalin expressed his sadness over the lethargic attitude of the Centre which did not take any concrete steps to either repeal the three farm laws or hold talks with protesting farmers in order to address the issue as six months have passed since the farmers commenced the protest in Delhi against the laws. ENS

FINANCIAL STRESS

Distress forces people to let go of pledged gold

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FINANCIAL stress due to reduced income and increased medical emergencies amid a raging pandemic is forcing more people to default on gold loans and, in turn, NBFCs to auction such pledged gold.

Manappuram Finance Ltd, one of India's largest gold financiers, said on Wednesday that it conducted gold auctions worth a whopping ₹404 crore in the January-March 2021 quarter. Such a large quantum of seized gold being auctioned in a single quarter points to the deep financial pain the pandemic has inflicted on the common man. Consider this: the combined value of auctions in the previous three quarters was just ₹8 crore.

V P Nandakumar, MD & CEO of Manappuram Finance, attributed the higher gold auction to economic distress and the fall in bullion prices. "The prices of gold declined by 21% after hitting a peak of ₹5,100/gm in August 2000. So, some customers allow the gold to be auctioned," he said.

'Lockdowns effective only with containment steps'

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"ALTHOUGH we cannot directly reason that the lockdown has not been effective, he says the graph of confirmed cases in all three scenarios — no lockdown; 50 per cent effectiveness; and 100 per cent effectiveness — is much higher than what was expected at this time. The same is the case with active cases," Prof Sashikumar Ganesan

He points out that though the number of active cases is coming down in the actual scenario, it is still not as expected as per the model. "As per our predictions, the worst-case scenario for June 7 in terms of confirmed cases is 27.15 lakh and in terms of best scenario (100 per cent effectiveness) we have 24.52 lakh cases; and for active cases it is 3.64 lakh in worst-case scenario and 1.89 lakh in the best scenario," he said.

PIC: ASHISHKRISHNA HP

There could be many possibilities for this to happen. The problem, in the present scenario as compared to the nationwide lockdown in the first wave last year is that the caseload is very high in the second wave. "Active cases currently are around 4.24 lakh. It is not that these people might spread the infection, but there are twice that number of people who could already be infected and are asymptomatic. This means around 8.5 lakh people could be roaming around infecting many others," he explained.

The testing is important, otherwise caseload and new infections will take longer to come down, experts said.

Dr Giridhara R Babu, senior epidemiologist and member of Technical Advisory Committee, Covid, said, "Lockdowns are effective only when combined with aggressive containment efforts. More people congregate in the few hours allowed while testing rates have not been appropriately increased. A certain proportion of individuals might be transmitting the infection within the families. This will have an adverse impact when unlocking begins."

PLACED BEFORE HC

FLYOVER, METRO LINE TO AFFECT AERODROME: STUDY

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A SURVEY conducted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) indicates obstacles to the Jakkur Aerodrome due to the proposed flyover on the National Highway and an elevated Metro rail line in front of it.

According to the report placed before the division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj in response to directions issued with regard to a PIL filed by Ajoy Kumar Patil, the prominent obstacles are the flyover, Metro line, airport boundary wall fencing and trees, etc.

In was stated in the report that the obstacles are infringing the aerodrome, and therefore, its operator, the Government of Karnataka, is required to decide on 'either to reduce the height of the obstacles infringing the surfaces within permissible limit, or to adopt mitigation measures as suggested or recommended by the AAI by reducing the length of runway'.

A communication was addressed to the Director of Government Flying Training School, Jakkur Aerodrome, by the Director General of Civil Aviation, on the Obstacle Survey of Jakkur Aerodrome, which was conducted as per the directions of the High Court, to draw the government's attention to take decision on the issues highlighted in the survey.

'Took 7 years to develop medicine'

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IT was a difficult product, but Bharat Serums took it as a challenge. The development took over seven years as they had to get numerous approvals from Europe, which was their target. "We had to make it in a European location or in a place approved by European agencies. It took a lot of time. If everything was in one place, it could have been done in three to four years," he said.

Pai felt that an amphotericin emulsion product, which too was developed by him and fights fungal infections, can help a lot of people if it is promoted. Pai, who retired from Bharat Serums in 2008, said the product was tested on Kala Azar patients in Bihar. "We should promote it, as it is one-third the price of Liposomal Amphotericin B," he said.

EDITORIAL

"To have a temporary, isolated sense of power over all events and circumstances is a lovely illusionary privilege. ... The only choice we have as we mature is how we inhabit our vulnerability

David Whyte

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— Ramnath Goenka

TOXIC 'US VS THEM' ATMOSPHERE WILL TAKE INDIA BACKWARDS

Even before the political controversy over the CBI's arrest of four TMC leaders, including two ministers, in the Narada scam could die down, another one has cropped up over the Delhi Police's "visit" to Twitter's offices in New Delhi and Gurugram. The fact that the police landed up in large numbers clearly pointed towards intimidating the social media company's leadership and employees. The police action smacked of one-sidedness. It followed a complaint lodged by the Congress party that a fake toolkit had been created by the BJP to target it. The toolkit was tweeted by BJP spokesman Sambit Patra, prompting Twitter to tag it as "manipulated media". While some parts of the toolkit are genuine, and this has been acknowledged by the Congress itself, it claims that the more damaging portions have been created by the BJP in order to defame the party. While the police is yet to send a notice to Patra or the BJP, it has been prompt in asking two Congress leaders to join the investigation.

The CBI's arrest of the TMC leaders earlier while sparing the BJP ones who are also accused in the case was clearly dictated by politics. The selectiveness of the CBI was commented upon by the Supreme Court on Tuesday when it turned down the investigating agency's petition seeking judicial custody of the arrested leaders. The CBI's action was preceded by unnecessary visits by West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar to families of BJP workers killed allegedly by TMC cadres, kicking up a round of accusations between him and the Trinamool leadership. The Governor's actions were driven by political motives. All these controversies are wholly unnecessary, although not surprising. They are the outcome of the 'us and them' phenomenon that has characterised not only politics in recent times, but personal relationships as well. Everything is seen through the prism of politics, ideologies, religious beliefs and caste. The divisiveness is such that it splits people even in death. This was seen when TV journalist Rohit Sardana died of Covid-19. There were some who clearly did not regret his death, all because of his political leaning towards the right. This highly toxic atmosphere is bound to take the country backwards.

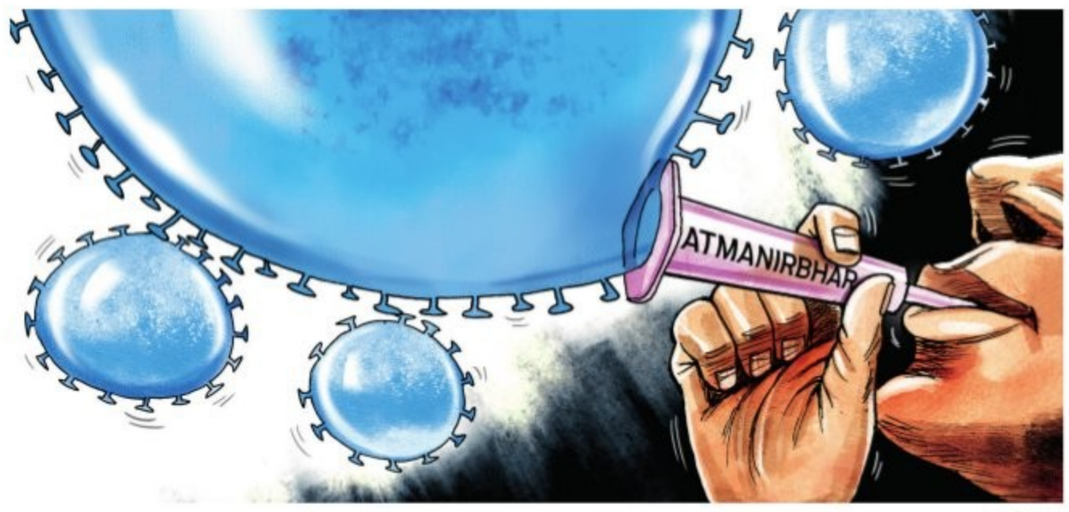
LEVERAGE TN UNIT FOR VAX PRODUCTION

The state-of-the-art Integrated Vaccine Complex, sprawled over 100 acres in Chengalpattu near Chennai, has been lying idle for the past nine years, a sacrilege when the host state of Tamil Nadu is weighed down by one of the largest viral caseloads in India. The facility, set up in 2012, was to be the nodal centre for research, manufacture and supply of vaccines for Hepatitis-B, rabies and other illnesses at affordable prices under the country's Universal Immunisation Programme. With a demand-supply ratio of Covid vaccines across the country an abysmal 6.5:1, this 'project of national importance' that has the capacity to manufacture more than 500 million doses annually has rolled out only hand sanitisers. This travesty has become even more stark with the opening up of the inoculation drive for those in the 18-44 age bracket, with the state requesting the Union government for more vials citing low allotment in proportion to its population.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's recent visit to the Chengalpattu complex has brought in a ray of hope. The state has also floated global tenders to invite vaccine producers. One does not know if this will help, considering Moderna recently rejected a request from the Punjab government saying it will not supply directly to states and only transact with the Union government. With coronavirus cases still rising in parts of Tamil Nadu and the country, a rapid vaccination drive is the only way to outsmart the virulent march of the virus. Health experts have been calling for a vaccination drive on a war-footing to stop disease spread and prevent the virus from mutating further. Otherwise, this week's promising dip in cases nationwide may not last too long.

After the Covid debacle, the international community will be using a fine toothcomb to look at each and every one of India's claims on both domestic and geostrategic fronts

VACCINE MAITRI-II PUTS ATMANIRBHAR ON STICKY WICKET



AMIT BANDRE

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Reports on Portugal lighting up the nation's iconic Pacos do Concelho building with the Tricolour, expressing solidarity over the second wave of Covid-19 in India, should be an eye-opener on how the world views us post-pandemic. Portugal is one of those European nations that do not find a frequent mention in the Indian media—but this time round, they could not leave that nation out.

Likewise, India's smaller neighbours like Bhutan, Nepal and adversarial Pakistan as well have risen to the occasion, offering whatever little help they could give their giant neighbour in its hour of unprecedented and unmitigated crisis. Between these two sections, there are big players like the UK, Germany, France, Russia and Singapore, who have all met India's open-ended SOS with all the help that they could air-lift, almost without second thoughts.

Not long ago, a section of the nation's social media had projected India's 'Vaccine Maitri' mission, of rushing out Covid assistance beginning with our smaller neighbours, as an opportune display of the nation's capabilities coupled with intrinsic compassion, as if neither existed before the time of the current government. Now, Vaccine Maitri-II has shown that independent of capabilities, compassion at least is a two-way street. Nothing more, nothing less.

Positive spin: The problem with the present leadership is that it only wants to score debating points nearer home and win a few elections. Aided and abetted by the spin doctors, the government's supporters have believed in the unbelievable and want other Indians to do so. But that is not going to sell with the international community, who, after seven years of a laid-back assessment of India's capabilities and ties, will be using a fine toothcomb to look at each and every one of India's claims—on domestic and geostrategic fronts.

The government's supporters had celebrated what the Centre named as 'Samudra Sethu' and 'Vayu Sethu', the great Indian efforts to send all kinds of medical aid and assistance to other nations, to over a 'hundred countries', as Prime Minister Modi proudly claimed—and rightly so. Today, the same sections are spinning another social media tale, on how India has launched Samudra Sethu-II and Vayu Sethu-II to bring large volumes of aid and assistance from nations across the world, as if it was inevitable and unavoidable, and done with seamless ease.

India now needs to rise like the proverbial phoenix if the world has to accept its intrinsic worth as an emerging superpower. It needs to convince itself and the world that unlike the forgotten self-reliance agenda of an earlier generation, Atmanirbhar is not just a catchy slogan for the domestic audience

At the same time, the political opposition in the country too needs to remember how German leader Angela Merkel rapped us on the knuckles and said how India's claims to be the 'world's pharmacy' owed it to European largesse. Like the US and the IT/ITES sector in particular, post-War Europe found comfort and solace in outsourcing medicines manufacture and many others to Third World nations like India—keeping their conscience also in the clear. And the 'Third World' is where the world may keep India all over again, after our handling of the second wave.

Rising like a phoenix: If the world is rushing aid to India, it does not owe exclusively to the gory picture that their media have painted over our nation's second wave. It owes also to their governments' independent assessments that the Indian second wave could spread across their lands, too, though not many of them are saying it in the open. Leaving aside their having to turn to China and Russia for vaccines now, some neighbourhood nations have also identified their second wave as the 'Indian variant'.

India now needs to rise like the proverbial phoenix, quick and fast, if the world has to accept the nation's intrinsic worth as an emerging superpower. It needs to convince itself and the world that unlike the forgotten self-reliance agenda of an earlier generation of national leadership, Modi's Atmanirbhar is not just a catchy slogan for his domestic audience. In doing so, our current leadership too needs to remember that if their post-Independence predecessor did not resort to chest-thumping, their fatalistic instincts had also told them that chest-beating could not be far away, after all!

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OFFICIAL MARXISM IN INDIA & THE GLOBAL TREND

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Extremely optimistic sections among those concerned about the future of India's official Marxist parties (better termed 'Leninist)—such as the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India and variants of Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)—dream of their comeback. The reality is that Indian Leftist parties never regained their past dominance once their area of influence declined. Take the Praja Socialist Party, Samyukta Socialist Party, CPI and even the CPI(ML)s. The CPI(ML) Liberation is confined to pockets in Bihar. Going by past experience, the CPM is unlikely to regain even a quarter of its influence in West Bengal and Tripura in the foreseeable future.

My hypothesis is that the weakening of these Communist parties that evolved during the growing years of the Communist International is correlated to the increasing irrelevance of Comintern-backed parties, including the once powerful Parti Communiste Français and Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI). Set up by the Russian Socialist Democratic Labour Party (Bolshevik), much later the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Comintern subordinated these affiliates (termed 'sections') . Even before the CPSU's dissolution (1990), the PCI transitioned from doctrinaire communism to democratic socialism between the 1970s and 1980s. The new party was named Partito Democratico della Sinistra (Democratic Party of the Left) and is affiliated to the Socialist International.

The CPI's existence was threatened even before CPSU's dissolution—a presentiment of the irrelevance of 'totalitarian communism'. The CPM, which maintained an equidistance from the CPSU and Communist Party of China (after the Naxalbari uprising in 1967), identified itself more with nationalism than internationalism. But the Parliamentary influence of the two parties has been declining for nearly five decades. For instance, in the fourth Lok Sabha poll in 1967, the CPI got 23 seats (excluding S M Banerjee, elected as an independent candidate, supported by the party) and 5.11% of votes, and the CPM bagged 19 seats with a poll share of 4.28%. In the LS poll of 2019, the CPM and CPI won three and two seats respectively with corresponding poll shares of 1.75% and 0.58%.

Unbelievable as it seems today, in the first general elections (1951-52), the undivided CPI, together with the People's Democratic Front, bagged 24 Lok Sabha seats with a vote share of 4.59%. The Communists contested as PDF candidates in Hyderabad almost immediately after the armed rebellion in Telangana against the autocratic Nizam regime that was yet to lift the ban on the CPI.

The legendary Telangana hero Ravi Narayan Reddy defeated the Congress candidate by the highest margin of over 2,10,000 votes, in an election where less than 20 MPs got more than 2,00,000 votes. He polled over 3,00,000 votes, around 70,000 more than Jawaharlal Nehru, elected from Phulpur in UP. Reddy's comrade Sunkam Achalu, bagging more than 2,50,000 votes, trounced the Congress candidate by a margin of over 1,85,000 votes.

But these CPs rejoiced in the cradle of Leninism, which has more dissimilarities than similarities with Marxian ideas. Their basis was a totalitarian state that Karl Marx or Frederick Engels never even hinted at. The vanguardist experiment scripted by Vladimir Lenin reflected a distorted perception of Marx, who seemed to have foreseen the possibility of such aberrations. Shortly after Franz Mehring, the first biographer of Marx, coined the word 'Marxism' in 1881, Marx told two leading French socialists, Paul Lafargue (Marx's elder son-in-law) and Jules Guesde in chaste French, "*Ce qu'il y a de certain c'est que moi, je ne suis pas Marxiste*" (If anything is certain, it is that I myself am not a Marxist). Marx was annoyed with the two as they kept mum when Marx's supporters in the International Workingmen's Association (First International) were branded as 'Marxists'; Marx felt irritated, more so due to the silent endorsement of the prefix 'Marxist' by his adversaries at a session of the First International. Marx, who had a scientific background (having enunciated 'materialist dialectics', not the misconceived 'dialectical materialism'), knew that there was nothing called Newtonism.

The crisis of Marxism the world over surfaced in the late twentieth century. The fault doesn't lie in Marx, but in so-called Marxist parties. The blame does not lie wholly in the Stalinisation of the USSR and its eventual collapse. The seeds were sown by Lenin

Lenin's words, "Marxism is omnipotent because it is true", reflects the vulgarisation of Marx. Marx scholars who insulate themselves from the aberrant Leninist school assert that incompleteness was a systemic nature of Marx, rejecting the prefix omnipotent or omniscient. After the Paris Commune of 1871, Marx wanted to rewrite most of his texts including *Das Kapital*, *Communist Manifesto* and *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*.

Let me pick a couple from the many important academic contributions negating Leninism. They were beholden to Marx, but many of them refused to be branded as Marxist. Norman Levine, in his *Marx's Rebellion Against Lenin: The Disappearance of Marx in Lenin*, laments that in Lenin, "the writings of Marx suffered a tragic fate. Rather than speak of what Lenin knew of Marx, it is necessary to speak of what Lenin did not know of the writings of Marx. Destiny dictated that many of the most critical writings of Marx were not published until after Lenin's death. He wrote from serious ignorance of Marx's opinions on these matters. The invisibility of Marx compelled Lenin to be dependent on the writings of Engels. Lenin perpetuated the myth that Marx and Engels spoke with one voice".

Take Paul Edward Gottfried's *The Strange Death of Marxism* where he says: "Today European CPs survive merely as adjuncts of larger concentrations of power on the Left. Whatever the chief cause for this development, whether a general rise in living standards, a disintegrating working-class solidarity or the demonstrated unattractiveness of Communist practice, Communist parties in Western Europe have lost their electoral appeal. Although they occasionally do stage comebacks ... this may be happening because of populations spooked by an overly abrupt transition to a free or quasi-free market economy."

Nonetheless, Marx and his theoretical formulations remain relevant, despite the fall of the Soviet Union, asserted Paresh Chattopadhyay, author of *Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels on Communism* in the six-volume *Oxford Handbook on the History of Communism*, a year before the onset of the financial tsunami in 2008. The rising sales graph of *Das Kapital* thereafter proved Chattopadhyay right. In contrast, Lenin's books are left dusty at book stands, let alone those by Stalin and even Mao.

The crisis of Marxism or Marxian studies surfaced in the late twentieth century. The fault doesn't lie in Marx, but in so-called Marxists and Marxist parties. The point is to discard the orthodox and vanguardist Marxism associated mainly with hierarchical or Comintern-subjugated Communist parties, most of which are in a semi-comatose state. The blame does not lie wholly in the Stalinisation of the USSR and its eventual collapse. The seeds were sown by Lenin and Len Trotsky when the RSDLP(B) was known as 'party of Lenin and Trotsky' (Rosa Luxemburg).

The role of Lenin's mentor, Georgi Plekhanov, and Trotsky in introducing Marx and some of his basic works to revolutionaries were fault lines therein. Unfortunately, it took nearly a century to detect them. Whether Marx and his theories would lead to installation of 'associated mode of production and association of free and de-alienated peoples' is left to posterity, thanks to the strong logical foundations of Marx. But 'official Marxism' deserves a decent burial.

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Breaking peace of islands

The newly introduced rules by Praful K Patel, the administrator of Lakshadweep, have been met with stiff opposition from the islanders. Most islanders follow Islam and they have been living peacefully for years. They have many things in common with Keralites and are heavily dependent on the state for trade, education, medical facilities, etc. To make them undo the customs they are used to would be breaking this peace.

O B Nair, Kochi

Needs to clarify motives

Changes made for the well-being of the people and the overall development of Lakshadweep are welcome, but there should not be any communally divisive agenda behind them as people fear. If the administration is genuine in its attempt, it has to clarify its motives and take the people into confidence. This will also stop miscreants from taking advantage of the issue.

Jayachandran Thoovat, Wayanad

Destroying their culture

The resignation of eight members of the Lakshadweep BJP Yuva Morcha in protest against Patel's high-handed actions reiterates the welcome existence of men of reason among politicians in the region. They have rightly said that they feel these actions would destroy the culture and peace of the islands.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Allow elbow room

It is gratifying to learn that the post of CBI director has finally been filled by Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, the Director of CISF. The CBI has faced plenty of flak in the recent past for kowtowing to the Centre's dictates by selectively targeting opposition leaders. The government would do well to allow the new director enough elbow room to rebuild the agency's credibility.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Great gesture by Tata Steel

The gesture of Tata Steel to continue to pay an employee's last drawn salary to their families up to their retirement age in case of death due to Covid is exemplary. In times of economic losses, Tata has stood for providing social security to its employees.

D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

Must help sports stars

It is upsetting to see football player Asha Kumari struggling to make ends meet despite her huge collection of trophies and certificates. It is clear that monetary reward in other sports is less attractive as compared to cricket. The sports ministry should compile the data of other such indigent sportspersons and help them during tough times.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Unemployment quite high

The fact that even well-educated and qualified individuals are enrolled under the MGNREGA scheme is indicative of the lack of employment opportunities in the country due to Covid. It is good that these individuals are not whiling away their time and are ready to work to earn their keep, but the authorities must also ensure their services are channelised for constructive endeavours.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Spoke to my dear friend President @EmmanuelMacron. I thanked him for France's assistance to India's COVID-19 response.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Lakshadweep is India's jewel in the ocean. The ignorant bigots in power are destroying it. I stand with the people of Lakshadweep

President of India @rashtrapatibhvn
Let us follow the path of wisdom, compassion & service shown by the Buddha and get rid of COVID-19 through our collective resolve

COVID-19: THE VILLAIN, BATS OR BAT LADY

S GURUMURTHY
Editor, Thuglak, and commentator on economic and political affairs

EVEN now, what the world knows about the mysterious virus 18 months after it broke out in Wuhan city in China, is that it is mysterious. Though officially called Covid-19 after its name was changed many times within three months of its detection, its name is more deceptive than indicative. Turning into a pandemic, its destructive mission continues even after almost a year-and-a-half with no end to the misery in sight. Whether the evil virus was caused by natural evolution or human effort in Wuhan was the dispute from day one of its outbreak. Finding the cause of a virus is not just curiosity. It is a must to find a cure for it and to prevent its recurrence. A WHO commission, tasked to find out its cause and source last year, ended its mission saying it could find neither. And yet the WHO gave a benign name and narrative to it, implying it was a natural evolution, which made any search for its cause irrelevant. Even now the world has not woken up to the fact that the name Covid-19 is itself deceptive. What is in a name? That is where the huge public mischief originated.

Covid-19 — a deceptive name

Chinese authorities first linked the Wuhan virus to the wet market — a place selling living wild animals for meat — in Wuhan where like vegetables in India, live animals are sold. This instantly recalled the SARS [Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome] epidemic of 2002 caused by bats infecting civets sold in the wet market and from them to humans. In the case of SARS 2002, the animal link was established by decoding the virus genome from bats to humans. But for the new virus, there is no such proof available even after a year-and-half. And yet the Chinese and WHO linked the new virus to the old SARS.

Initially the new virus was variously called Wuhan pneumonia and Wuhan virus. WHO quickly intervened, renamed it thrice in two months, January and February, each time linking it to SARS 2002 and the wet market with no proof, calling the new virus as SARS-2 — a new avatar of SARS-1. Later, adding the word 'coronavirus' that implied its animal nexus, WHO improved its name as "novel coronavirus" — 2019-nCoV. Next, as "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2" — SARS-CoV-2 to relate it firmly again to animals. And, as Covid-19 that is CO for 'corona', VI for 'virus' and D for 'virus' and 19 for the year it appeared, once and for all to fix the blame on poor animals. Shockingly within months, unable to prove it, the Chinese themselves disowned the wet market link to the Wuhan virus. A year later, in March this year the WHO fact finding commission itself admitted that "the role of animal markets is still not clear". Yet, even now animals bear the cross for the deadly pandemic!

> **"How could the bats which live 1,500 kms away in Yunnan transmit the virus to humans in Wuhan?" asks science writer Wade, since they can't fly for more than 50 kms. And how did they infect only the animals sold in Wuhan wet market?**

Why does a virus, the cause of which is not known still, have a name that blames animals? Here is the answer. The WHO has a noble policy of not naming the geographic origin of a natural virus as that may blame the race of the humans living there. So let animals bear the blame. The noble WHO rule is for a naturally evolved virus. In the case of the Wuhan virus, there is dispute about whether it was natural evolution or man-made. The deceptive narrative of the pandemic, which implies it was natural evolution itself misdirected the search for the cause and the source of the virus away from truth. With the stunning and suppressed facts about the virus obfuscated by geopolitics involving China and the US slowly emerging, the truth seems to be overcoming US-China politics.

Bats did not fly 1,500 kms to Wuhan

The devastated world longing to know the truth about the cause of the virus for over a year should thank Nicholas Wade, for uncovering the truth with amazing and indisputable logic. Wade is no ordinary journalist. He is science writer, editor, and author who has worked on the staff of *Nature*, *Science*, and, for many years, the *New York Times*. In a devastating, yet balanced, article [titled "The origin of COVID: Did people or nature open Pandora's box at Wuhan?" May 5, 2021 in *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* founded by the Manhattan project scientists led by Albert Einstein] what Wade has written shatters to smithereens all fake narratives to blame the Chinese bats for causing the virus. Wade asks a simple question: "How could the bats which live 1,500 kms away in Yunnan transmit the virus to humans in Wuhan?" Particularly when they can't fly for more than 50 kms. Also how did the Yunnan bats manage to infect only the animals sold in Wuhan wet market, overlooking the entire 1,500 km terrain in between? Within four months of SARS 2002, the link between bats and the wet market animals infected by it was found out by scientists. But now after a year-and-a-half, no such connection has been seen, says Wade. Even the Chinese have given up the wet market claim, points out Wade. Poor Yunnan bats did not infect the people in Wuhan but they are blamed. How did the bat virus get to Wuhan then? This is at the heart of the gripping story of the virus that was scripted when the Americans were madly in love with the Chinese who pretended to reciprocate.

'Bat Lady' brings 100 bat viruses to Wuhan

Wade's narration of the story of the new virus is chilling. The villain — or the heroine — in the Wuhan virus story is Shi Zhengli, China's leading expert on bat viruses, better known as the 'Bat Lady'. Leading the researchers at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), Wade says, Shi mounted frequent expeditions to the bat-infested caves of Yunnan in southern China and collected a hundred-plus different bat coronaviruses in November 2015. Shi teamed up with Ralph S Baric, an eminent coronavirus researcher at the university of North Carolina. They focused on enhancing the ability of the bat viruses to attack humans. In November 2015 they created a novel coronavirus. How? It is a little technical. They did it by taking the backbone of SARS-1 virus and replacing its spike protein with one from bat virus, which was able to infect the human cell airway. Wade quotes a virology expert who says "if that man-made virus escaped, nobody could predict the trajectory" -- meaning their huge potential for infection. Why would virologists create such Frankenstein? The justification has the noble aim of preparing for mitigating the risks of future outbreaks — in the present case for preventing the re-emergence of SARS-1. This is called Gain of Function (GOF) research in virology. The norm for GOF research is that the potential to mitigate future outbreaks must be weighed against the risk of creating more dangerous viruses. Baric and Shi admitted the risks in their work but justified it on the GOF.

Baric, says Wade, had taught Shi a general method for engineering bat coronaviruses to attack other species like humanised mice — "a cheap and ethical stand-in for human subjects". Shi returned to her lab at the WIV and resumed the work she had started on genetically engineering coronaviruses to attack human cells. How could one be sure that she did? Wade cites the public records of American connection to WIV which proves it.

Bat Lady's virus, not bats

Wade cites two irrefutable pieces of evidence which clearly point to what the Bat Lady did or was well on the way to accomplish her mission. One, the grant proposal to fund Shi's work from the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), a public record. [According to *Fox News* (12.5.2021), the Obama-led US, one-sided in its love of China, started funding WIV from 2005 that went on till 2019.] This proposal said exactly what she wanted to do with the money. The NIH assigned the grants to Peter Daszak, a big name in the guild of virologists, as the contractor, and he subcontracted them to Shi. Explaining the content of the proposals, Wade says, "What that means in non-technical language is that Shi had set out to create coronaviruses with the highest possible infectivity for human cells." It cannot be said she did or did not generate SARS-2 in her labs because, Wade says, Chinese have sealed her labs. But, Wade cites an interview given by Daszak on December 9, 2019 just before the Wuhan outbreak, which proved Shi had accomplished her mission. Daszak talked in glowing terms about the researchers at the WIV and said we — meaning Daszak and Shi — have now found after 6 or 7 years, over 100 new SARS-related coronaviruses, very close to SARS." Daszak, points out Wade, says around minute 28 of the interview, "Some of them get into human cells in the lab, some of them can cause SARS disease in humanised mice models and are untreatable with therapeutic monoclonals and you can't vaccinate against them with a vaccine. So, these are a clear and present danger..." Note the words uttered with inhuman pride, "untreatable" and "can't vaccinate against". Have any doubt now that the devastation that is happening to millions and millions of humans was the work of WIV — orchestrated by the Bat Lady and Daszak? What is the conclusion? Poor bats did not infect any animals with the virus, which in turn transmitted it to people in Wuhan. Bats were brought to WIV to create a new coronavirus — now devastating the world.

> **Who subcontracted the US coronavirus grant to Shi Zhengli? Peter Daszak. Who was a member of the WHO panel to study if it was a lab escape? Daszak. If Shi is the villain who created the evil, Daszak is the villain who suppressed its creation**

But, who subcontracted the coronavirus grant to Shi Zhengli? Peter Daszak. Who praised her for developing more than 100 bat viruses that could not be vaccinated against? Peter Daszak. When the virus broke out, who got the scientists to sign letters saying that it could not be a lab leak? Peter Daszak. Who was a member of the WHO commission to find out whether it was a lab escape? Peter Daszak. If Shi is the villain who created the evil, Daszak turns out to be the villain who suppressed its creation.

Well, it is just half the story. There is more. The WIV at Wuhan was not just a civilian science academy. It partners the People's Liberation Army, which had plans from 2015 to prepare bio-weapons for the next world war. The issue is not just people's health but global security.

TOMORROW: WILL U.S. POLITICS BURY OR EXPOSE THE TRUTH?

Only 4.4 cr jabs administered in May

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DESPITE Covid-19 vaccinations being thrown open to all above the age of 18 on May 1, there has been a 40% decline in the average daily number of vaccinations administered this month compared to the previous month.

An analysis of the government data by this newspaper showed that a total of 8,91,01,433 vaccine doses were administered in April to people from various age groups across the country, at an average rate of 29,70,047 doses per day. In comparison, between May 1 and 25, only 4,40,24,631 jabs were administered—an average rate of 17,60,985 shots per day. In other words, this is 40.7% lower than the average daily vaccination rate recorded in April.

The figures by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare meanwhile underlined that India has vaccinated 20 crore people as of Wednesday morning—130 days after India began vaccinating its people against Covid-19. More than 34% of the population above the age of 45 has received at least one dose of a vaccine to date. India's adult population is about 94 crore while the vaccine production capacity is about eight crore doses per month.

As of now, India has approved three vaccines—Covaxin, Covishield, and Russia's Sputnik V—against Covid-19. Efforts to procure other vaccines from abroad are yet to yield any concrete results.

> **More people in the vulnerable groups or people with risk factors being unvaccinated would have an impact on the mortality**
>
> Oommen John, public health expert

It is unclear why only 4.4 crore vaccine doses were administered so far this month despite the production capacity far exceeding this number.

Meanwhile, experts stress a quick expansion of the vaccination drive is important to reduce the number of deaths.

"The more people in the vulnerable groups or people with risk factors being unvaccinated would have an impact on the mortality," said Oommen John, a public health researcher.

"Evidence from elsewhere indicates that vaccination coverage has an impact on transmission," John said.

INDIA'S COVID TRACKER

3,450+
daily deaths from just 12 states

Karnataka, Maharashtra, TN, Kerala, Andhra, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Odisha among the states

24,95,591
Active cases in India

22,17,320
Tests in 24 hours

89.66% National recovery rate	1.15% National fatality rate
9.42% Daily test positivity rate	2.95L Recoveries in 24 hours

91,191
fall in active cases (24hr)

No one can arrest me, says Ramdev after IMA sends defamation notice

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

A new video of yoga guru Baba Ramdev surfaced on Wednesday in which he can be heard saying no one has the courage to arrest him after his remarks that "allopathy is stupid science" kicked up a firestorm.

In the video, the yoga guru is heard saying, "No one can arrest Saint Ramdev. They are just making noises. Let them do what they do best."

Meanwhile, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to take action to stop the alleged misinformation campaign by Baba Ramdev

"It is well proved that by vaccination we save our people and country from catastrophic cascades of severe

infection. At this juncture, painfully we bring to your kind notice, the video claiming 10,000 doctors have died in spite of taking both the doses of vaccine and lakhs of people have died due to allopathic medicine are circulating virally in the social media, as said by Mr Ramdev, owner of Patanjali products," the body said in its letter.

"We the members of the modern medicine professionals submit; we follow the guidelines and protocols issued by the ministry of health through ICMR or the National Task Force in our treatment offered to millions of people coming to our hospitals. If someone is claiming the allopathic medicine has killed people, it is an attempt to challenge the ministry which has issued the protocol for treatment to us," it stated.

Dr DD Chaudhary, member of the central working committee of the IMA, said, "We condemn his statements against the modern medicine system and the way he is challenging the central, state governments of the country. We also request the honorable high courts and the Supreme Court of India to take suomoto cognizance of the matter."

EXPRESS READ

Haryana floats global tenders to get jabs

Chandigarh: Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij on Wednesday said two global tenders have been floated to procure one crore doses of anti-Covid vaccines. Vij said the Centre is providing vaccines to all the states but if more vaccines can be procured globally, then the state will soon be able to inoculate all eligible people.

Court asks Centre to reconsider jab policy

Bhopal: Hearing a bunch of petitions pertaining to Covid-19, the Madhya Pradesh High Court on Wednesday observed that the Centre must reconsider the efficacy of its vaccination policy. "The Centre should consider taking upon itself the responsibility of providing the required number of vaccination doses to the state," the court said.

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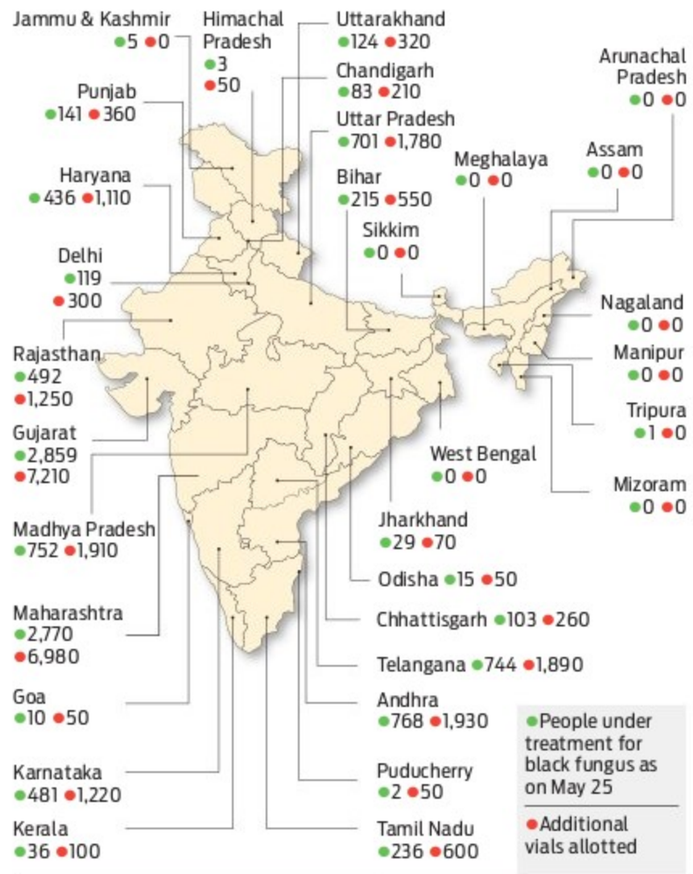

29K more vials of black fungus injection allotted: Government

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WITH cases of mucormycosis or black fungus rising in India by an alarming 32% in a span of three days, the Centre on Wednesday announced that nearly 29,000 more vials of amphotericin B, a drug used to treat the fungal infection, will be allocated to the states.

Experts say that the limited supply of this key drug is severely hampering the fight against the disease, which has a mortality rate of 30-50%. Doctors across India have reported an alarming rise in cases of mucormycosis, mainly among patients with Covid-19 and those who have recently recovered from it.

As per the figures shared by the Centre, the country till Tuesday night had 11,717 hospitalised patients of this disease while on May 22 this number was 8,848.

The state-wise data by the government also showed the maximum cases—2,859 of the disease, which typically affects, nose, sinuses, eye, brain and lungs in some cases, are in Gujarat, followed by Maharashtra which has 2,770 cases.

Andhra Pradesh on the other hand has registered 768 cases so far while Madhya Pradesh has 752 cases and Telangana has 744 cases thus far.

The Centre has declared it a notifiable disease while 11 states have already declared it an epidemic. Many doctors say the infection may be triggered by the use of steroids, a life-saving treatment for severe and critically ill Covid-19.

20 UP villagers given wrong vaccine for 2nd dose, probe ordered

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IN a major faux pas, health workers in Uttar Pradesh's Siddharthnagar district administered Covaxin to at least 20 villagers who had received Covishield for their first dose. The incident happened at the Badhni Primary Health Center (PHC) in the East UP district. Some twenty residents of Audahi Kalan village, who were administered Covishield vaccines on April 1, 2021, were on May 14 given Covaxin jabs when they came for the second dose.

"Both, the first and second dose need to be of the same vaccine. After the lapse came to light, a team of senior doctors conducted an inquiry into the entire matter. Based on their report, I sought an explanation from all those who were found responsible. Based on the explanation given by those found responsible, action will either be taken against them from our end or else we'll recommend to the higher-ups in the state government for action," the Siddharthnagar district CMO told *The New Indian Express* on Wednesday.

"A team of doctors from the district headquarters was also sent to enquire about the health of the villagers (who got the wrong vaccine). All of them have been found healthy and normal on all important health parameters. We're keeping a close watch on their health and expect that no health-related problems will happen to them even in the future," Chaudhary said.

STEPPING DOWN

In UP's Siddharthnagar, facing flak from the Opposition, minister Satish Chandra Dwivedi's brother Arun Dwivedi resigned as assistant professor at a university. His posting under a quota had sparked a controversy

2 HELD IN MAHARASHTRA WITH RARE ANIMALS

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	28	Mumbai	33	28
Bhopal	38	22	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	41	28	Patna	28	23
Amritsar	42	22	Lucknow	36	26
Chennai	40	27	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	30	20
Srinagar	27	11	Chandigarh	42	23

Reach out, BJP changes strategy in Bengal

Busy criticising TMC after last year's cyclone and losing elections, saffron party on mission to help following Yaas

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A villager wades through a water-logged road after Cyclone Yaas in South 24 Parganas in West Bengal; Digha beach in East Midnapore after the battering | PTI/BIBHASH LODH

BJP'S Bengal unit has decided to stand by the common people affected by Cyclone Yaas and use the aftermath of the calamity as a medium to reach out.

This is a change from BJP's strategy after Cyclone Amphan last year, when it went hammer and tong against the ruling TMC, alleging irregularities in distribution of relief materials. This time, the saffron camp has instructed its ground-level workers to build a people-friendly image.

"We have asked our workers and leaders to stand by the common people after the cyclone. They have been asked to reach out to the victims with relief materials immediately," said BJP's West Bengal president Dilip Ghosh.

After Amphan last year, the BJP leadership first got busy accusing the state government of not being able to send relief to affected areas and then raised the issue of corruption in distributing monetary assistance for the victims. This became the party's election campaign as well.

"It won the party no electoral dividend in the Assembly elections. We failed to perform well in the Amphan-ravaged areas even after highlighting the ruling party's failure and corruption over the issue of financial help to be extended. Despite having enormous resources, we failed to address the people in distress. Instead of standing by them and giving them food and other relief materials, we were busy organising protests and criticising the ruling party," said a senior BJP leader.

Sources in BJP said this time, leaders and workers have been asked to connect with the affected people in the Assembly constituencies where they failed to win in the recent elections. "The party had been in full battle mode before Amphan struck last year and its single-minded aim was to conquer the last frontier of Bengal. The primary objective of keeping Bengal on boil and poaching on rivals had overshadowed the pressing needs of the people at the crisis period," admitted another BJP leader.

The leader said that BJP workers have been asked to set up camps at the affected areas, provide the poor with food and tarpaulin sheets for those whose houses have been washed away. They have also asked workers to convert party offices into refuge centres for the affected and make all necessary arrangements to deliver a message that the BJP is with the people in this hour of crisis.

Agri laws: Parties join farmers to mark six months of agitation

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FARMERS at several places in Punjab and Haryana hoisted black flags atop their houses and vehicles besides burning effigies of PM Narendra Modi to mark the completion of six months of their protest against three new farm laws.

The scene was no different at Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders where farmers also held protest marches.

Several parties, including the Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal and AAP, extended their support to the farmers. SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal raised a black flag at his house in Badal village in Muktsar and urged the Centre to accept the demands of the protesting farmers. He tweeted: "As #KisanAndolan completes 6 months today, I again urge the Centre to deal compassionately with farmers & repeal black laws."

Former MLA and INLD general secretary Abhay Singh Chautala followed suit at his Teja Khera farmhouse in Sirsa district of neighbouring Haryana.

Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda again urged the government to restart the dialogue process with protesting farmers. "I urge the government to hold talks with protesting farmers with a positive mindset."

Protests were held in Punjab's Bathinda, Amritsar, Moga, Patiala, Jalandhar, Mohali and other places. All those in solidarity with the farmers donned black turbans and dupattas. At many places women joined the protests and shouted slogans: "We will fight, we will win."

In neighbouring Haryana protests were reported from a few places in Dandoor village in Hisar where farmers raised anti-government slogans and burnt the effigy of the BJP government. In Bhiwani effigy of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was burnt. While in Jhajjar farmrs hoisted black flags and took out a motorbike rally at the Tikri border.

The Samkyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of the protesting unions, had announced that farmers will observe May 26 as a 'black day' to mark the completion of six months of their protest.

At the protest sites of Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur border, the agitating farmers' numbers swelled significantly. Local people also joined the protestors and extended their solidarity. At Ghazipur border, farmers from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand as well as Himachal Pradesh too joined the protest. At Shahjahanpur, farmers from Haryana and Rajasthan resolved to strengthen the agitation.

Farmers carrying black flags burn an effigy of PM Narendra Modi in Amritsar | AFP

No vaccine? No June salary in C'garh district

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IN a strange order issued in Chhattisgarh, the tribal department in the Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi district, about 160 km from Raipur, has asked its officials and staff to ensure they either get themselves vaccinated against Covid-19 or forego salaries for the month of June.

The employees have been asked to produce vaccination certificates in the tribal division of the district collectorate as early as possible. "In case of those found not vaccinated, the initiative would be taken to stop their salary for June, for which they will be responsible," said the official directive.

Experts see ground for WhatsApp to file lawsuit

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WITH the tussle between Centre and WhatsApp escalating, and the latter filing a lawsuit against the government on Wednesday, experts felt there are technical difficulties, as mentioned in the petition.

Medianama founder and digital rights activist Nikhil Pahwa explained in a Twitter thread that for WhatsApp to enable identifying the originator of even one message, it has to re-architect the entire platform. "This potentially compromises all its users. The court will have to decide if it is proportionate to violate the privacy of everyone to identify one sender of a message," wrote Pahwa.

The Centre had notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 in February. Social media intermediaries were given an additional window of three months to fall in line.

"The petition has been rightly preferred, as requiring WhatsApp or other social media giants to identify the first originator of the message means breaking the end-to-end encryption. This violates the fundamental rights of a citizen including privacy, freedom of speech and expression. It may have practical and technical difficulties as referred to as technical infeasibility in the petition. That will require every message to have metadata attached to it," said cyber lawyer Ankur Raheja. He added a separate legislation may be needed on practicalities of various factors, and to ensure it does not violate fundamental rights.

Cyber law expert Pavan Duggal pointed out that WhatsApp challenging the rule on the ground of privacy violation represents an important step in the evolving cyberlaw jurisprudence in India.

"India is carving out its own distinctive new legal jurisprudence on intermediaries by insisting on the criminal liability of such platforms. Hence, till such time the court doesn't set aside or stay the operations of the rules, these rules will have to be complied with by all intermediaries," said Duggal, on non-compliance that can lead to consequences, including intermediaries being liable for punishment.

The Internet Freedom Foundation, an NGO that conducts advocacy on digital rights and liberties, had pointed out the 'troubling aspects' of the rules. "This is severely detrimental to the fundamental rights of speech and privacy, since it will essentially undermine end-to end encryption and likely cause a chilling effect on speech in private conversations," a May 24 post pointed out.

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'Govt is taking N. Korean approach on free speech'

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THE Congress on Wednesday said the new intermediary rules for social media issued by the government are "dire, drastic and draconian" in nature and aimed at creating a "social media police".

"The issuance of new guidelines shows that the BJP government is suffering from the 'Big Daddy' syndrome. The rules are a severe blow to the vibrant culture of discourse, deliberation and dissent in India," the party said.

Terming it the Modi government's "North Korean approach" to free speech, senior party leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said what is being brought into force from Wednesday is yet another attempt by the Centre to capture and subordinate every pillar and agency of freedom of thought and expression. "Having successfully done so in respect of constitutional and statutory bodies like CBI, ED, EC and several others, along with subjugation of the 'Godi Media', Modi Ji has now turned his attention to social media to annihilate all vestiges of free speech, thought and expression. Dictatorial regimes, including the North Korean one, would blush at the brazenness with which the Modi government has done so. The Moid-led NDA government's pathshala should be the new go-to place for all dictators to hone their skills in controlling free speech and thought," he said.

Patra fails to appear before cops again

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra on Wednesday yet again skipped his appearance before the Chhattisgarh Police in the 'toolkit' case. The police had summoned him with the second notice asking him to appear on May 26 for questioning in the case

He, however, said the Congress has not taken a policy decision yet on whether to move court against the new rules. Singhvi added that in the new Orwellian definition of the Modi government, all voices against the PM or the HM, criticism of Covid-19 management and any questioning of the ruling party attract registration of sedition case.

Raj to audit Covid deaths after allegations of under reporting

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THE Rajasthan government has ordered an audit of Covid fatalities in the state in a bid to reveal the truth about Covid and non-Covid deaths.

Sources said the government decision came following media reports that the number of Covid deaths is much higher than the official figure. State Health Minister Raghu Sharma said there was no question of hiding data. According to the Rajasthan Health Department, since March 2020, there have been 7,911 Covid deaths in the state. This year April and May recorded the highest number of 5,093 deaths. A total of 2,818 deaths occurred in the preceding 13 months. These include a total of 1,632 deaths in the four months of August, September, October, November 2020 and 1,186 deaths in nine months.

But a mismatch persists between government figures and others recorded or reported by other bodies. The difference is sought to be explained on the basis of Corona patients who died while undergoing treatment at home and in rural areas where government records are either not kept or the detailing is sketchy. In Rajasthan, the UK strain of Covid which spreads rapidly is proving devastating in rural areas. Health officials confirm that nearly 40% of new cases and 40% of deaths in the state are now being recorded in villages. In Nagaur district, rural areas have seen a large number of casualties over the past fortnight.

In particular, three villages with population ranging between five and 12 thousand have seen a string of deaths. Badu village saw 19 deaths, Janjeela 17 while Harnawa saw 13 fatalities in a span of a fortnight. Of the total deaths, 18 were confirmed as Covid fatalities while the rest are seen as caused by breathing troubles.

The government says a survey is necessary for the social security scheme as well. The state has announced a Social Security Policy on the death of an earning member of a family from Covid-19.

Full transparency: CM

CM Ashok Gehlot said his government is fighting the Covid battle with full transparency. The survey will be conducted at a large scale as the second wave has claimed more lives in villages.

CHOKSI HELD IN DOMINICA

NEW DELHI: Fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi, who had recently fled from Antigua and Barbuda, was captured in neighbouring Dominica after an Interpol Yellow Notice was issued against him, the local media reported on Wednesday. Police in Dominica captured Choksi on Tuesday night (local time) after an Interpol Yellow Notice was issued by Antigua and Barbuda. Choksi had been living in Antigua and Barbuda since 2018 after taking the citizenship, Antigua News Room reported. The efforts are on to hand him over to the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, media reports stated.

Friction in MVA govt as Cong backs Nanar refinery

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ALL is not well with the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance in Maharashtra. One of the allies, the Congress, continues to take an anti-government stand and has even threatened to walk out of the coalition if its demands are not met.

The Congress has supported the oil refinery at Nanar in Konkan while the Shiv Sena has opposed it. State Congress chief Nana Patole said the refinery will bring huge investment and employment. "The government should address various issues pertaining to the Nanar Refinery. The project should be located only at Nanar," Patole said. His party Sarpanch Prabhudesai from Nanar has opposed the project, saying it'd spoil the ecosystem and beauty of the Konkan region.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has said his party and government are with the local people of the Nanar. "If they do not want it, then it will be relocated". The Sena had taken a similar stand when it partnered with the BJP during the Devendra Fadnavis government. Konkan is Shiv Sena's major support base. Congress minister Nitin Raut had opposed the government decision cancelling reservations in promotions. He said such reservations should continue so that deprived officers get a chance to move ahead in their careers.

However, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar of the NCP took a divergent stand by opposing reservations in promotions in government jobs.

Raut met Patole and expressed his unease with the Thackeray government. Patole again demanded that the state government immediately implement reservations in promotions. He threatened that the Congress would not hesitate to walk out of the government if the common minimum programme of all three parties is not followed by the Thackeray government.

"This is not the sole responsibility of Congress to run the government. We, as a party, will continue to fight for our ideology and commitment towards the backward communities," said a senior Congress leader.

IIM-Indore to study pandemic preparedness

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Indore) has joined hands with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to connect the dots across myriad sectors to understand how they grappled with COVID-19 for forthcoming pandemic preparedness. With this objective, IIM Indore has also received a research grant of `85.3 lakhs. The institutions will work together on documenting the challenges faced by these business sectors and their ways of tackling challenges. The documentation will be based on research to capture the finest solutions practices for forthcoming pandemics.

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Pragya backs cow urine, Cong MLA sends it to minister

Two days after Bhopal's BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur claimed that drinking cow urine helps cure lung infection caused by Covid-19, former Madhya Pradesh minister and Congress MLA PC Sharma couriered two bottles of cow urine to the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan. Sharma also sent a letter to the minister, asking him if the Indian Council of Medical Research and Defence Research and Development Organisation have accepted the curative properties of cow urine. Recently, the Bhopal MP had sparked a row by claiming at a party meeting that drinking desi cow's urine protected her from Covid and associated lung infection. The statement created row in social media, with many lashing out at the MP, who is known for making controversial remarks.

Body loading video causes a stir, not for the first time

A video showing the body of a youth (who died by suicide) being loaded onto the back of a garbage truck to be taken to a burial site went viral and led to the removal of the health officer of Sonkatch Nagar Parishad. The video, from Sonkatch town of Dewas district, caused a national outrage. However, it wasn't the first such incident. Recently, the body of a young girl, who also died by suicide, had to be carried on a cot for about 24 km for autopsy due to the want of any vehicle. There were also reports of the body of an old man being carried on a handcart for cremation in the Seoni district. From time to time, such incidents have come to the fore and caused a national outcry. Not much, however, seeems to have changed despite all that.

Happiness department to hold interactions

The Happiness Department of the Madhya Pradesh Government will soon hold online interactions with its 55,000 volunteers across the state, to find out innovative ways to make people happy and de-stress amid the raging Covid-19 pandemic. According to official sources at the Rajya Anand Sansthan (Happiness Department), these online interactions will begin from the end of this month to seek inputs and suggestions, particularly from new volunteers. Persons who have a track record of spreading positivity and helping others in need will also be identified during these online interactions.

22
people have been killed in Ethiopia's Tigray region by forces loyal to its former ruling party during 6-month conflict

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	17	LC	Los Angeles	24	15	LC
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	14	10	LR
Dhaka	31	27	TDS	Moscow	22	13	HR
Dubai	37	29	SNY	New York	29	15	LC
Houston	31	23	LC	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	23	15	LC	Toronto	18	9	SNY
London	20	9	LC	Washington	30	18	SNY

Assad dismisses critics as Syria votes to extend his grip on power

US and EU call presidential polls 'neither free nor fair,' opposition says it's a farce

DAMASCUS

SYRIAN President Bashar al-Assad dismissed criticism of his country's presidential election on Wednesday as voters flocked to the polls in government-held areas despite Western accusations it was neither "free nor fair".

"Your opinions have zero value," Assad said, after voting with his wife Asma in the Damascus suburb of Douma, a key rebel stronghold until its recapture by government forces three years ago.

The United States and the European Union said the election was "neither free nor fair," and Syria's fragmented opposition has called it a "farce".

But they will watch powerless as Assad prepares to renew his grip on power.

Few doubt Assad will trounce his two virtually unknown challengers to win a fourth term, in a war-battered country mired in economic crisis.

Huge election posters glorifying the president have mushroomed across the two-thirds of the country under his control.

Syrians demonstrate against what they call the illegitimate elections, in the opposition-held city of Idlib on Wednesday | AFP

> **I came to vote for Bashar al-Assad because he is the only man who withstood 10 years of war**
>
> Kinan al-Khatib, a voter

The controversial vote is the second election since the start of a decade-long civil war that has killed more than 388,000 people and displaced half the pre-war population.

With opponents abroad barred from standing and no voting in the swathes of territory outside government control, Assad is expected to win by a landslide.

State television showed long queues forming outside polling stations after voting opened at 7:00am. Security was tight.

Hundreds of students clamoured to vote outside Damascus University.

"I came to vote for Bashar al-Assad because he is the only man who withstood 10 years of war," said 26-year-old Kinan al-Khatib. The result is not expected before Friday evening. The election takes place amid the lowest levels of violence since 2011 — but with an economy in freefall.

More than 80 percent of the population live below the poverty line, and the Syrian pound has plunged in value against the dollar, causing skyrocketing inflation.

Assad's campaign slogan, "Hope through work", evokes the colossal reconstruction needed to rebuild the country, requiring billions of dollars in funding. Assad, a 55-year-old ophthalmologist by training, was first elected by referendum in 2000 after the death of his father Hafez, who had ruled Syria for 30 years.

Standing against him are former state minister Abdallah Salloum Abdallah and Mahmud Merhi, a member of the so-called "tolerated opposition", long dismissed by exiled opposition leaders as an extension of the regime.

"I don't know the other candidates at all and I respect their nomination but my vote will definitely go to Assad," Khatib said. AFP

3 arrested in Italy cable car crash

ROME

POLICE arrested three people on Wednesday in the cable car disaster that killed 14 people in northern Italy, saying an investigation showed a clamp, intentionally placed on the brake as a patchwork repair, prevented the brake from engaging after the lead cable snapped.

Carabinieri Lt. Col. Alberto Cicognani told Sky TG24 that at least one of the three people questioned overnight admitted to what happened. He said the fork-shaped clamp had been placed on the emergency brake to deactivate it because the brake was engaging spontaneously and preventing the funicular from working.

The clamp was put on several weeks ago as a temporary fix to prevent further service interruptions in the cable car line bringing sightseers to the top of the Mottarone peak overlooking Lake Maggiore. It was still in place on Sunday morning, Cicognani said.

After the lead cable snapped Sunday, the cabin reeled back down the line until it pulled off entirely, crashed to the ground and rolled over down the mountainside until it came to rest against some trees. AP

US state secy Blinken in Jordan to shore up Gaza ceasefire efforts

AMMAN

US SECRETARY of State Antony Blinken landed in Jordan Wednesday on the last leg of a Mideast tour that aims to shore up an Egypt-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza.

After meeting Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi — whom he praised for helping bring an end to the intense violence "relatively quickly" — he flew to Jordan, where half of the 10 million-strong population is of Palestinian origin.

Blinken will meet King Abdullah II, following two-days of regional talks — including with both Israeli and Palestinian leaders — to throw US' support behind the truce that ended 11 days of heavy Israeli bombing of Gaza and rocket fire from the enclave into Israel.

Following talks with Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas at his headquarters in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Blinken vowed to rebuild US relations with the Palestinians by reopening a consulate in Jerusalem, as well as give millions in aid for the Gaza Strip.

The announcements signalled a break with US policy under former president Donald Trump, who had shuttered the diplomatic mission for Palestinians in 2019 and slashed aid to the Palestinian Authority. After meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, he reiterated support for Israel's right to defend itself against rocket attacks by Gaza's Hamas rulers, adding that they must not benefit from the reconstruction aid.

Antony Blinken, US Secretary of State

Unlike the United States and many European governments, which boycott Hamas as a terror group, Egypt maintains regular contacts. Last week, Sisi pledged $500 million to help reconstruction efforts in Gaza.

Qatar too announced it would provide $500 million for Gaza's reconstruction. "The state of Qatar announces $500 million in support for the reconstruction of Gaza," Qatari foreign minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani tweeted. But Hamas political chief Yahya Sinwar vowed not to take "a single cent" of the aid, insisting that "we have never taken a cent in the past". AFP

Mexico polls: 1 more candidate killed, toll at 34

MEXICO CITY

YET another mayoral candidate in north-central Mexico has been killed, bringing to 34 the number of candidates murdered nationwide ahead of the June 6 elections.

President Andr's Manuel L'pez Obrador said on Wednesday the killing was 'without doubt' the work of organised crime gangs. The Etellekt consulting firm said the overwhelming majority of the 34 slain candidates were vying for nominations or running for local posts.

Alma Barrag'n was killed on Tuesday while campaigning for the mayorship of the city of Morole'n in violence-plagued Guanajuato state.

Experts say drug gangs want to place sympathetic candidates in town halls and city governments, so they can operate without interference from police and extort money from local businesses and government budgets.

L'pez Obrador said the gangs were killing candidates to scare voters away from the polls. "When there is a lot of abstentionism, the mafias dominate the elections," the president said.

Barrag'n was running on the ticket of the small Citizen's Movement party, which said in a statement that, "It is unthinkable that participating in political life means putting one's life at risk."

"This is the most violent election in Mexican history, and in Citizen's Movement we are not willing to act as if that is normal." AP

ASIA MATTERS

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban warns neighbours against allowing US bases

Kabul: The Taliban warned Afghanistan's neighbours Wednesday against allowing the United States to operate military bases on their soil, the insurgents insisting they would thwart such a "historic mistake". US is in the final stages of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, and a flurry of diplomatic calls between the United States and Pakistan in recent days has fuelled speculation the Pentagon is scouting for new bases to use against the Taliban. "We urge neighbouring countries not to allow anyone to do so," the Taliban said in a statement. "If such a step is taken again, it will be a great and historic mistake and disgrace." They would "not remain silent in the face of such heinous and provocative acts", the statement added. Several of Afghanistan's neighbours had allowed the US military limited use of air bases in the early 2000s. AP

SRI LANKA

Defence ministry refutes updated US travel advisory

Colombo: Sri Lanka on Wednesday refuted misgivings resulting from an alleged assessment by the US embassy here of the threat of terrorism in the country after it updated its travel advisory, warning Americans against travelling to the island nation. The ministry of defence said that according to its own assessment, there has been no information on any threat of terrorism or related activities in the country. The US embassy's travel advisory, based on a tier 4 categorisation of the level of security, had warned its citizens against travelling to Sri Lanka. AP

TAIWAN

China accused of hindering vaccine deal

Taipei: Taiwan on Wednesday accused China of hindering its efforts to obtain Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines from Germany as it struggles with a sudden spike in coronavirus cases and a slow inoculation campaign. For much of the coronavirus pandemic Taiwan has had one of the world's best responses. But a sudden outbreak and trouble securing enough vaccines has taken the shine off that fight. On Wednesday President Tsai Ing-wen explicitly accused China of being a stumbling block to getting Pfizer shots. "We had almost completed the contract-signing but it has been delayed till now because China has interfered," Tsai said in a Facebook post. Back in February Taiwanese officials previously hinted China was causing difficulties, but officials steered clear of explicitly naming Beijing. AP

WAITING FOR HELP

Residents displaced by the May 22 Mt Nyiragongo volcanic eruption wait to register to receive some aid distributed by a local politician in Goma on Wednesday. The eastern Congo city was shaken on Tuesday by a flurry of shocks from the nearby volcano four days after its eruption, badly damaging several buildings | AFP

Sri Lanka braces for major oil spill as burning ship likely to sink

COLOMBO

A SINGAPORE-FLAGGED cargo vessel, which caught fire near the Colombo beach last week, may sink, raising severe environmental concerns in the island nation, according to media reports on Wednesday.

Desperate attempts to extinguish the fire seemed to fail as authorities prepared for a major oil spill. The *Colombo Gazette* newspaper reported that the ship was "unstable" and "expected to sink".

Apart from the 325 metric tonnes of fuel in its tanks, X-Press Pearl was loaded with 1,486 containers carrying about 25 tonnes of hazardous nitric acid.

The Marine Environment Protection Authority has warned that any oil spillage will move towards the sensitive Negombo lagoon, which is a major tourist attraction, the report said.

The authorities had earlier asked local people to avoid coming in contact with the debris and slush from the ship.

The cargo vessel was carrying a consignment of chemicals and raw materials for cosmetics from Hazira in Gujarat to Colombo Port. It caught fire 9.5 nautical miles from the coast here, where it was anchored outside the Port of Colombo on May 20.

A major operation was launched to extinguish the flames of the ship. A special team of the Sri Lankan Navy, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Marine Environment Protection Authority reached the fire-hit ship on May 21.

Following a call for help, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on Tuesday sent two ships and an ICG aircraft to firefight and augment pollution control measures.

Due to rough seas and bad weather, the cargo ship is now tilted to the right, as a result, some of the containers on board have tumbled into the sea and some of them have sunk, officials said.

News channels showed images of the south-west coast from Colombo to Negombo covered with black slush, debris and industrial-sized containers bent out of shape. Officials said a massive drive will have to be launched to clear the debris. PTI

2 Indians test +ve

Two Indian crew members, who were rescued from an ill-fated container ship have tested positive for Covid. In all, there were five Indians in the crew.

EXPRESS READ

8 killed by gunman at California rail yard

San Jose: Eight people were killed in a shooting on Wednesday at a light rail yard in California in which the suspected gunman also died, police said. The incident took place at a public transit maintenance yard in San Jose, a Silicon Valley tech hub of almost a million people south of San Francisco. "I can confirm with you at this point that there are eight victims that are pronounced deceased at this point. And there's one suspect that's pronounced deceased," said Russell Davis, a Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputy, warning that the numbers could rise.

Dozens missing after boat sinks with 160 onboard in Nigeria

Kano: Dozens of people were missing in northwest Nigeria on Wednesday after an overloaded boat ferrying around 160 passengers sank in the Niger River, a local official said. The boat left central Niger state and was heading to Wara in northwest Kebbi state when it broke apart and sank, River boat accidents are common on Nigerian waterways mostly due to overcrowding, bad weather and lack of maintenance, particularly in the annual rainy season. Early this month 30 people drowned when an overloaded boat capsized in central Niger state. The Niger is West Africa's main river.

Junta in Myanmar uses bodies as tools of terror to crack down protest

NAYPYITAW

TWO black pickups speed down an empty city street efore coming to a sudden stop. Security forces standing in the back of the trucks begin firing at an oncoming motorbike carrying three young men.

The bike swerves, crashing into a gate. More shots are fired as two of the passengers run away, while the third, Kyaw Min Latt, remains on the ground.

Moans are heard as officers grab the wounded 17-year-old from the pavement, throwing his limp body into a truck bed before driving off.

The incident lasted just over a minute and was captured on a CCTV camera. It is part of a growing trove of photos and videos shared on social media that's helping expose a brutal crackdown carried out by the junta in Myanmar since the February 1 takeover.

An analysis by AP and the Human Rights Center Investigations Lab at the University of California, Berkeley, identified more than 130 instances where security forces appeared to be using corpses and the bodies of the wounded to create anxiety, uncertainty, and strike fear in the civilian population.

Over two-thirds of those cases analysed were confirmed or categorized as having moderate or high credibility, and often involved tracking down the original source of the content or interviewing observers.

Hnin Twel Tar Aung holds an image of her 17-year old boyfriend, Kyaw Min Latt, while walking in front of his coffin during a funeral procession | DAWEI WATCH/AP

Since the military takeover, more than 825 people have been killed 'well over two times the government tally' according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a watchdog organisation that monitors arrests and deaths.

The HRC Lab examined hours of footage posted online and images captured by protesters, journalists, or residents.

> **There are always large-scale operations to either cremate the bodies of people that were shot down or ... bulldoze and bury those bodies. So a lot of the time, families do not know where their children went**
>
> Van Tran, a Cornell University researcher

Cremations and exhumations of the deceased have been secretly conducted in the middle of the night by authorities. Other times, grieving families have been forced to pay military hospitals to release their loved ones' remains, relatives and eyewitnesses told the AP.

Though the incidents may seem random and unprovoked, they are actually deliberate and systematic to demobilise people and wear them down.

Taking a page from the army's historical playbook, experts say the violence also appears aimed at keeping the death toll artificially low and concealing evidence. AP

Market Watch

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93 ▲	Nifty	15,301.45	₹80 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,680	₹1.50 ▲	Per gm	₹72.7	▼ Euro		89.19

FMCG cos may hike prices again to offset inflationary pressures

SESA SEN @New Delhi

CONSUMERS may have to shell out more money for their daily-use products as packaged consumer goods companies are considering another hike in products such as detergents, soaps, creams, edible oil and tea to offset inflationary pressure. Several firms such as Hindustan Unilever, Dabur, Bajaj Consumer Care and Marico have raised prices in select core brands, but analysts and industry executives say that's not enough for these companies to sustain margins, which necessitate further price hikes.

"Our price hike is adjusted in line with the hike in loose oil prices. If commodity prices continue to rise, we will have no option but to adjust the price as per the market condition," said Ajay Motwani, marketing head, Adani Wilmar, the maker of Fortune brand of edible oils.

Dabur has seen significant inflation. "There was overall five per cent inflation across materials. The company took a three per cent price hike and there will be a second round of hike to cover the remaining inflation impact," said Abneesh Roy, executive vice-president, Edelweiss Financial Services. Hair care brand Bajaj consumer care has also has taken a price hike of 2.5 per cent which, Roy said, will partially cover the inflation, putting a pressure on operating margins.

HOW MUCH HIKE

HUL has increased the prices of Lifebuoy and Lux by 6-7 per cent, while Marico raised the price of Saffola by as much as 50 per cent in the last two quarters. Britannia, too, indicated a hike in prices.

The commodities which are particularly exacerbating domestic inflation include palm oil, a key ingredient for home and personal care items including soaps. Its price has seen about 50 per cent inflation. Then, brent crude prices crossed $65 per barrel in May 2021, more than double the year-ago level. Similarly, tea prices have risen 70-80 per cent in the last few months.

For companies that sell snacks at ₹5 or ₹10 price points, absorbing the costs is the only route available and so these producers are now bearing a higher burden of rising input costs than consumers. However, these costs can get increasingly passed on as demand revives.

"We are ensuring our best to absorb as much input costs as possible and pass minimal to our customers," Mayank Shah, senior category head, Parle Products told this publication. He added that the company is not looking at a price hike immediately as it may have a negative impact on demand given the volatile situation of the economy where consumers are putting off discretionary spending.

WhatsApp, Twitter run the risk of losing social intermediary status

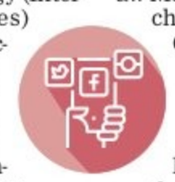
The social media giants may also face criminal action if they don't comply with new IT laws

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

BIG TECH firms including Facebook, Whtasapp, Instagram, Youtube and Twitter may lose their social intermediary status and face criminal prosecution as a result of non-compliance with the new set of IT regulations proposed by the Ministry of Information technology and electronics (Meity). According to people aware of the matter, these platforms may not be banned immediately but non-compliance will invite stricter action against their top executives, including arrests.

The Information Technology (IT) ministry on Wednesday asked social media firms to report the status of their compliance with new digital rules after they failed to meet the deadline. Meity had earlier given a three months deadline to all the significant social media intermediaries with a user base of above 50 lakh to comply with the fresh set of guidelines including appointment of officials for redressal of user concerns, government queries as well as tracking the originator of the messages (user details) in case of requests made by the country's law enforcement agencies.

According to the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF), the Information Technology (Intermediaries guidelines) Rules, 2011 did not specify any consequences upon the intermediaries for failing to comply with the provisions of the rules, but the Intermediaries Rules 2021 explicitly state "a loss of immunity" and indicate a level of severity of consequences, including potential criminal prosecution under provisions of the IT Act and the Indian Penal Code. At least six writ petitions have been filed across various courts of the country against the new set of IT rules while describing them as "contentious", undermining user privacy, said IFF. IFF has provided legal assistance to LiveLaw Media Private Limited in its challenge before the High Court of Kerala.



In the wake of non compliance with the new regulations, one can directly file a criminal complaint against the platforms and they will even lose their social intermediary status

Jiten Jain, CEO, Indian Infosec Consortium

Jiten Jain, CEO, Indian Infosec Consortium, also said WhatsApp's plea before the Delhi High Court accusing the Centre of invading user privacy through the IT rules is an argument of convenience.

"The big digital firms are acting as east India companies here refusing to comply with the laws of the land. Similarly, WhatsApp's plea against the central government is a hogwash when their own privacy policy is contentious and invades the privacy of users. Absence of physical offices/ nodal officers was adding to their advantage..these firms, drive 40 per cent of their revenues from India now cannot keep bypassing the laws," he added.

Twitter rival Koo raises $30 mn in new funding round

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Bengaluru

HOMEGROWN micro-blogging site Koo on Wednesday announced a fresh $30 million funding led by US investment firm Tiger Global along with existing investors Accel Partners, Kalaari Capital, Blume Ventures and Dream Incubator also participating in the round and two new investors — IIFL and Mirae Assets.

"We have aggressive plans to grow into one of the world's largest social media platforms in the next few years. Every Indian is cheering for us to get there soon. Tiger Global is the right partner to have on board to realize this dream," said Aprameya Radhakrishna, Co-Founder and CEO of Koo, the only social media platform which has complied with the new social media regulations.

Panel to examine GST implication on gaming sites

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Goods and Services Tax (GST) council has decided to address the long-pending issue of valuation of taxable services provided by online gaming companies and casinos. To look into the matter, the council has formed a Group of Ministers (GoM) comprising state finance ministers who represent their respective states in the GST Council.

The issue with taxability of services provided by the gaming platforms and casinos is whether tax should be levied on the total betting amount or just the fee retained by these platforms. Several petitions have been filed in the court against online fantasy games alleging that these platforms are paying taxes only on the amount of fee and not the total amount of money that is being put on stake. The GoM will look into the issue and examine whether there is a need for change in legal provisions for better means of valuation of these services.

Tax experts and industry players say that the valuation of taxable services provided by online gaming companies and casinos is a big area of concern for the entire industry, and the government needs to bring more clarity on the issue.

"Clear guidelines on the aspects of taxing gross Pay-in/ Pay-outs amounts, referrals, bonuses, loyalty points, and forfeiture, etc need to be laid out in clear and relevant terms," said Rajat Mohan, senior partner in New Delhi-based CA firm AMRG & Associates. He added that GoM needs to work on a litigation-free business landscape for all the entertainment companies including Casino, racecourse and gaming firms.

The Bombay High Court in an order in 2019 had held that money pooled in by players after deduction of platform fee is kept in an escrow account and that the amount pooled in the escrow account was clearly exempt from levy of any GST.

A special leave petition was filed in Supreme Court against the high court order, which was dismissed by the SC. However, it has said in its order that "it is open for the government to apply for a review in so far as the GST aspect is concerned before the High Court of Bombay".

The GoM will also examine if any changes in legal provisions would have any impact on the valuation of services like the lottery.

The group will submit its recommendations within six months for consideration by the GST Council. The GoM will be convened by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Nitin Patel. The other member of the GoM would be Ajit Pawar, deputy CM of Maharashtra, Amit Mitra, finance minister of West Bengal, P Thiagarajan, finance minister of Tamil Nadu, B Bommai, home minister of Karnataka and Chowna Mein, finance minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

Govt mulls extension of bid submission deadline for SCI, Air India, BPCL

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

THE Finance Ministry is considering requests from the bidders to extend the date for submitting bids and Expression of Interest in state-run companies including Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), BEML, Air India and BPCL.

"The privatisation drive is very much on track and we intend to conclude them well within time. However, given the second wave of infections there are requests to increase the timeline for complete the bidding process. An extension is under consideration," a senior official from the finance ministry told TNIE. According to sources, the date for bidding might be extended by up to 45 days.

Privatisation drive is very much on track However, given the second wave there are requests to increase some timeline to complete the bidding process. An extension is under consideration

Finance ministry official

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) aims to complete the stake sale by June. This, however, seems unlikely and will be extended till September. For Air India, too, the interested companies have sought more time for valuation of assets.

The localised lockdown and international travel restriction have added to the delay in the process of preparing bids.

The first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic had already hit government's plans to divest its stake in BPCL and Air India in financial year 2020-21, upsetting its target to achieve ₹2.1 lakh from divestment proceeds. It had to cut down its target drastically to ₹32,000 crore.

But even this year the central government has set an aggressive divestment target, aiming to get ₹1.75 lakh crore in 2021-22. In her Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that strategic disinvestment of BPCL, Air India, Shipping Corporation of India, Container Corporation of India, IDBI Bank, BEML, Pawan Hans, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited, among others, would be completed in 2021-22.

Apart from that proposed privatisation of two public sector banks, stake sale in IDBI Bank, one general insurance company and IPO of Life Insurance Corporation of India is on cards for the current fiscal year. Earlier this month, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved disinvestment of IDBI Bank.

Pension corpus under PFRDA crosses ₹6 L cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on Wednesday announced that asset under management (AUM) under the National Pension Scheme (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed ₹6 lakh crore, thirteen years after NPS was open for the non-government sector.

According to a press statement issued by the PFRDA, the regulator of NPS and APY, the AUM growth of last ₹1 lakh crore has been achieved in just 7 months.

As on May 21, 2021, the total number of subscribers under NPS and Atal Pension Yojana has crossed 4.28 crore and the Asset under Management (AUM) has grown to ₹603,667.02 crore, while NPS subscribers over the years have grown over one crore with 74.10 lakh government staff and 28.37 lakh individuals joining from the non-government sector. APY scheme has 2.82 crore subscribers.

"We feel immensely satisfied at reaching this milestone of ₹6 lakh crore AUM. In less than seven months we achieved ₹1 lakh crore as we were at ₹5 lakh crore in October 2020. The achievement shows the faith subscribers have in NPS and PFRDA. A growing realisation during this pandemic is the priority accorded by individuals to retirement planning, for preserving their financial well being," Supratim Bandyopadhyay, PFRDA chairman, said.

Both NPS and APY are retirement oriented schemes but have different eligibility criteria to join the scheme. To subscribe to the APY scheme, you should be aged between 18 years and 40 years. For NPS, it is 18-60 years and both Indian residents and NRIs can apply for the scheme.

Kia's new scheme allows buyers to return Carnival if not satisfied with it

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

UNABLE to match the popularity of its two other products such as the mid-size SUV Seltos and compact SUV Sonet, Korean carmaker Kia has come up with a new scheme to boost sales of its Carnival MPV.

Kia on Wednesday announced 'Satisfaction Guarantee Scheme' under which new private owners of its Carnival can return the vehicle if they are not pleased with its performance within the first 30 days of purchase. Valid on all variants of the Carnival, the scheme will cover 95 per cent of the ex-showroom cost and overhead cost incurred for the registration and finances of the vehicle. However, eligible customers will need to ensure that the vehicle has clocked not more than 1,500 kilometers from the purchase date and is completely free of damages, failures, pending claims, to be able to return the car. Additionally, the owner's agreement for the transfer of vehicle including all documentation and charges in the name of a person will be obligatory. Owners who financed their vehicles will be required to submit an NOC from the financer, the company said.

Launched in India at the 2020 Auto Expo, Carnival was placed by Kia as a more luxurious alternative to Toyota's best-seller Innova Crysta. However, Carnival did not find many takers. The company has sold just over 6,200 units of the vehicle, priced at ₹24.95 – 33.95 lakh (ex-showroom) in just one year.

On the other hand, Toyota's MPV continues to remain a favorite among target audience, retailing around 5,000-6000 units every month.

One big reason that Kia finds few takers for Carnival is because the company sells third-gen models in India as against fourth-gen sold in international markets. "The 'Satisfaction Guarantee Scheme' is the first step to bring this purpose to life and is designed to offer a differentiated Kia ownership experience to our customers," said Tae-Jin Park, Executive Director & CSBO, Kia India.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹ 397.1

Target Price ₹485

CROMPTON

Crompton Greaves has further consolidated its position in Fans and Pumps, and has become the number two player in the Water Heaters segment. With price hikes in place, we expect double-digit revenue growth to sustain. While unorganized and weaker brands would see some restoration of supply-side issues, it will be tough for them to bridge the gap with leading brands. We estimate adjusted EPS CAGR (FY21-23E) of ~20% on the back of ~17% revenue CAGR. It's strong FCF generation is under appreciated at current valuations. With strong profitability and an asset-light business model, return ratios are healthy (RoE/RoCE of 30%/29% in FY20).

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

BPCL posts Q4 net profit at ₹11,940 cr

New Delhi: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) reported a net profit of ₹11,940 crore for the quarter ended March, 2021. The company had posted a net loss of ₹1,361 crore in the year-ago quarter. BPCL's revenue from operations rose 21.5 per cent on a year-on-year basis to ₹98,755.6 crore for the March quarter as against ₹81,296 crore. Ahead of the privatisation, the company's board approved a final dividend of ₹58 per share, which includes a one-time special dividend of ₹35 per equity share, it said in a regulatory filing. It is in addition to interim dividend paid in FY21.

Freight traffic growth remains in double-digit

New Delhi: The Indian Railways has witnessed double digit growth in freight traffic in May despite Covid-19 related challenges, an official release said on Wednesday. In FY21, Indian Railways total loading is 203.88 million tonnes (MT) which is 10 per cent more than FY20 loading figures (184.88 MT) for the same period, the ministry said. Meanwhile, freight loading for the month of May 2021 is 92.29 MT which is 10 per cent more than May 2019 (83.84 MT) and 43 per cent more than May 2020 (64.61 MT) for the same period. Coal was the most important item transported.

Electric vehicle sales rise amid skyrocketing petrol, diesel rates

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IF rising fuel prices are having a favourable impact on anything, it is the country's small but fast-growing electric vehicle (EV) industry. According to industry executives, the current momentum is likely to continue as there are no signs of any major relief in retail fuel prices in the near future.

"During the last quarter, we witnessed a 30 per cent increase in sales, largely attributed to the hike in petrol prices. Moreover, the number of enquiries has grown by 300 per cent during the same time period," Jeetender Sharma, MD & Founder of India's second largest electric two-wheeler maker Okinawa told TNIE. So far this month, auto fuel prices have been hiked 13 times. In Mumbai, petrol prices are 29 paise away from reaching the ₹100 per litre mark. The central and state taxes make up for 60 per cent of the retail fuel prices.

Yatin Gupte, CMD of Wardwizard Innovations and Mobility, a firm that sells electric superbikes under the brand name Joy E-Bike, said that running cost of an electric two-wheeler is now 30-40 paise per kilometre, significantly lower than a traditional two-wheeler. "Apart from rise in petrol prices, new product launches and incentives provided by central and state governments will play a major role going forward," he said, adding the company plans to ell 32,000-38,000 units as against over 4,000 units sold last fiscal. Joy E-Bike is also planning to launch three e-scooters by August 2021.

Okinawa is also aiming for 3x annual growth in sales this fiscal year. In FY 21, it had sold 30,930 units of e-scooters. "With rapid improvements in technology, we expect economies of scale to play a big role and bring down the battery costs. This will make EVs more price competitive," added Sharma.

We expect EVs to reach about 8-10 per cent level in two wheelers, and over 30 per cent in three-wheelers by 2025. The penetration levels in cars and trucks are likely to remain low in the medium term — ICRA

Cummins feels NZ have edge over India in WTC final

Australia fast bowler Pat Cummins feels if the current wet weather conditions in England persist, New Zealand will enjoy an edge over India in the World Test Championships final, starting in Southampton on June 18. Cummins, who played for Kolkata Knight Riders in the suspended IPL, however, refused to predict the winner of the final.

SURVIVING TACTICS

Without much income at home, a vast no of India's domestic cricketers looking at foreign leagues to earn a living

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

AKSHAY Wakhare is a veteran in the domestic circuit. The tall, off-spinner is in the November of his domestic career. It's spanned 16 seasons. During that time, he even bowled Vidarbha to two successive Ranji Trophy titles in 2018 and 2019. Two months back, Wakhare, like many other domestic cricketers in India, received multiple calls from player agents in the UK to check his availability to in the local leagues there.

After deliberation, Wakhare decided against travelling as it would mean he would have to leave his five-month-old kid and wife alone at Nagpur, among the worst affected Covid-19 cities in India. "It was important for me to go there, because I would be able to get some money to run the family and pay the EMIs. But if I go, my kid and wife will be here. So I didn't want to take that risk," Wakhare says. While the pandemic has left scars that would take decades to heal, he belongs to the tribe badly hit by lack of financial income. The pandemic meant the BCCI couldn't host its premier domestic tournament – Ranji Trophy for the 2020/21 season. While cricketers with IPL contracts continued to survive, the stories of the players who only feature in the three top-tier domestic meets — Ranji, Syed Mushtaq Ali and Vijay Hazare — is different.

After a year's gap, most of them received their first cheques (match fees) from the BCCI a couple of weeks ago courtesy the recently concluded SMA T20s and Vijay Hazare. "It isn't big money, but something is better than nothing. Ranji Trophy is what feeds us for 12 months. Without that, our major income is gone," Wakhare says. It is a common story among most domestic cricketers including the ones playing for Saurashtra, the defending Ranji champions. "We may have won Ranji Trophy twice, but getting a job through cricket is still farfetched for us. We come from Tier II cities, where opportunities are also minimum," he adds.

Akshay Wakhare

SEEKING SUPPORT

For the majority of India's domestic cricketers, the game remains their bread and butter. Ajay Vohra (name changed on request) is one of those who took the decision to travel to the UK. While it is common for many cricketers from India to do so, what is striking this time is his pay.

"I get 150 pounds for a week," Vohra says. "I'm taking it happily because it was my first income for over a year. I've a mother and wife to take care of. I couldn't do anything else back home, so I came here. Although most of my earnings go towards food, I can still send something back home. If I don't take care of them, who will? Now, at 27, I don't know where my career is headed," Vohra says.

So is the BCCI short on finance? No. Why have they not paid domestic players? The reason is a combination of factors. The domestic players have not received the gross revenue that the BCCI distributes to them every year after passing the accounts in the annual general body meeting. Since 2018, this amount hasn't been paid, forcing players to live only on match income. The Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators couldn't hold the AGM for two years. And when the newly elected office-bearers took over, they sought time to pass the accounts during their first AGM in 2019. There was another AGM in 2020, but still, there is no development on that front.

As a result, many have been exploring the possibility of playing league cricket in the UK for survival. Steven Hirst, who is managing director at CricX — a player exchange agency — says he has been receiving requests from many Indian domestic cricketers to ply their trade in UK, Australia and New Zealand. "There has been plenty of requests. Since the pay is low, only a few — who are really struggling — have taken up the offer. It is common for Indians to come here and play so they go back home prepared. They usually come here for enhancing their game, this time their preferences are different. Had the UK not placed India under a travel red-list, more would have come here," says Hirst.

The uncertainty in payments has only made life difficult for the players who have to handle EMIs and also take care of medical expenses. "Ganguly Sir told he would pay us a year back. But we haven't heard anything from them after that. Since he happens to be a former captain, we hoped he would know our difficulties and help us. Some of us are taking loans, but without knowing when we would get our due, it is hard to commit to banks. Those who play IPL are taken care of. But who will take care of us?" Wakhare asks.

PANGHAL ENTERS LAST FOUR

Landing some big punches, Amit Panghal (52 kg) also did just about enough, beating Kharkhuu Enkhmandakh of Mongolia by split verdict (3-2), to march into the semifinals on Wednesday. Varinder Singh (60 kg) and veteran Vikas Krishan (69 kg) also entered semis. However, Ashish Kumar (75kg) lost his quarterfinal bout.

Simranjit shows mettle, all women set for medals

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

NOT long ago Tokyo-bound Simranjit Kaur was racing against time to regain full fitness ahead of the ongoing Asian Championships in Dubai after contracting coronavirus. It wouldn't have been a shocker if the pugilist from Punjab had missed the boat for the continental event. Even the coach had admitted that the 60 kg could face an uphill task given that boxing is a physically demanding sport and small margins could make a huge difference. Even though it was just her first bout, Simranjit, late on Tuesday, showed she's on the right path ahead of bigger tests ahead.

Along with Sakshi (54 kg) and Jaismine (57 kg), the Punjab boxer started her campaign with a victory, getting the better of Uzbekistan's Raykhona Kodirova 4-1. The trio's result also ensured that all women participants from the country will walk away with at least a bronze medal around their neck. High performance director Raffaele Bergamasco was a pleased man on the ringside. "I'm highly impressed with everyone, especially Simranjit. She is coming into this tournament after Covid infection and she fought against a strong opponent. Jasmine and Sakshi also performed very well," Bergamasco said. With travel restrictions due to the ongoing pandemic, the women boxers' count is less. Seven Indians including six-time world champ MC Mary Kom were assured of a medal without throwing a single punch.

Youngster Jasmine showed India's future promise. Taking part in her first major competition, Jasmine also won her quarterfinal bout against Mongolia's Oyuntsetseg Yesugen by 4-1 margin. Bergamasco, formerly with the women's youth team, has a nose for talent and is happy with the youngster's steady climb. "I saw her compete in last year's Big Bout. I was impressed by her right away and I thought she is a good prospect for the future given her age. She is highly engaging and takes in all the suggestions that we offer," the Italian noted.

Sakshi (54 kg), who Bergamasco has known since her youth days, was also impressive on the day, blanking Ruhafzo Haqazarova of Tajikistan 5 -0. The coach is happy to see youngsters stepping up to the plate. "I'm delighted as the team is growing a lot and we could have many youngsters during the 2024 Olympics in Paris."

Rohan Gavaskar backs annual contracts for domestic players

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

FORMER India all-rounder and domestic stalwart Rohan Gavaskar has called for state associations to have annual contracts for its players in the manner that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) takes care of players in the national team. Responding on Twitter to New Indian Express' story on domestic cricketers struggling since the BCCI is yet to find a way to compensate them for the cancellation of Ranji Trophy last season, Gavaskar said that states need to look after domestic cricketers as it is these players who keep the game going. "All state associations should have annual contracts with their players like the BCCI does with the Indian team. A,B,C categories. If state contracts are not there then it's impossible to make payments to domestic players in such a situation," he tweeted.

Anand likely to skip World Cup in Sochi

VIVEK KRISHNAN @Chennai

FIVE-time world champion Viswanathan Anand is likely to give the upcoming edition of the chess World Cup, scheduled to be held in Sochi, Russia from July 10 to August 6, a miss. The 51-year-old would have earned a direct qualification for the event by virtue of his ranking, but he won't be featuring in Russia since he is set to take part in the Sparkassen Chess Trophy in Dortmund. The tournament in Germany is slated to take place from July 10 to 18.

"Anand won't be playing in the World Cup. He committed to playing in Dortmund a long time ago. He will be going to Germany," All India Chess Federation (AICF) secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan told this daily on Wednesday.

Anand had also skipped the previous edition of the World Cup, which was also held in Russia, as he chose to play the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament in Switzerland instead. While the finalists of the World Cup will get two slots for Candidates in 2022, the event in Dortmund offers no seats for the Candidates.

With Anand skipping the World Cup, there are only two more tournaments that offer him a chance to make the cut for Candidates – the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament in October-November this year and the FIDE Grand Prix Series early next year.

Meanwhile, AICF has learnt that Pentala Harikrishna and Vidit Gujrathi will be earning direct qualification for the World Cup based on their rankings. Harikrishna and Vidit are ranked 21st and 23rd in the world, respectively. It prompted Vidit to pull out of the ongoing AICF World Cup qualifier despite initially registering for the tournament.

"We had asked FIDE about the qualification chances of the Indians based on ranking for the World Cup. They communicated to us that Anand, Harikrishna and Vidit will make the cut due to their ranking," Chauhan informed.

THE ITALIAN JOB

Italy's Marco Cecchinato rejoices after beating Slovenia's Aljaz Bedene at the Emilia Romagna Open in Parma, on Wednesday. Cecchinato won 7-5, 6-2 to enter last 8 | AP

Ramkumar, Ankita bow out

PARIS: Denis Istomin eased past Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-1, 6-2 in the second round of French Open qualifiers in Paris on Wednesday. Ramkumar had won his opening round against American Michael Mmoh in three sets on Tuesday but was unable to get past his Uzbek opponent in the second round. Meanwhile, Ankita Raina's yet another attempt to qualify for the singles main draw of a Grand Slam failed as she bowed out of the French Open Qualifiers with a second-round defeat on Wednesday. Ankita, up against German Greet Minnen, could win only two games in the entire match that lasted one hour and 21 minutes. The 125th-ranked Indian lost 2-6, 0-6.

EXPRESS READ

18k fans for England's second Test versus Kiwis

LONDON: Around 18,000 cricket fans will be allowed to attend each day of next month's second Test between England and New Zealand at Edgbaston, which will be the first of the government's next wave of pilot events. The second Test will start from June 10.

Milkha shifted out of ICU, wife admitted

CHANDIGARH: Milkha Singh 'continues to be stable on oxygen support' and he was on Wednesday shifted out of the ICU of the hospital where he is being treated for Covid pneumonia. His wife Nirmal Kaur was admitted to the same hospital on Wednesday.

World boxing body says it is now debt-free

LAUSANNE: The International Boxing Association on Wednesday said it has cleared all its debts, including the $10 million owed to an Azerbaijan company, and also announced an independent investigation into allegations of "past judging corruption."

Disciplinary cases against ESL rebels

GENEVA: UEFA has opened disciplinary cases against Super League rebels Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus that could lead to bans from the Champions League. Proceedings are active for "a potential violation of UEFA's legal framework," UEFA said.

Achinta lifts record weight for silver

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

INDIAN lifter Achinta Sheuli produced his personal best in all three events and smashed three senior national records and four junior national records to clinch silver in the 73kg at the IWF Junior World Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on Wednesday. The lifter from West Bengal lifted a total of 313kg (141kg in snatch and 172kg in clean and jerk) to finish on the podium at the gold level Olympic qualifier event.

"The aim was to do better than the Asian Championships held here last month and fortunately enough, I managed to do that and also win a medal for the country," the 19-year-old told this daily from Tashkent. He had lifted 309kg (139kg+170kg) to finish seventh at the Asian event.

Indonesia's Rizki Juniansyah lifted a total of 349kg (155kg+194kg) to break the junior world record in all three events and win the gold medal in the 73kg weight category. Russian lifter Gevorg Serobian claimed the bronze with the total effort of 308kg (143kg+165kg).

"He has improved a lot over the years. We have always seen him as a potential medallist in the 2022 Commonwealth Games and this medal indicates that we are moving in the right direction," said Vijay Sharma, chief weightlifting coach.

Achinta lifted 137kg in his first snatch attempt but failed to lift 141kg in the next. He, however, lifted the weight successfully in his third attempt to bag bronze. In clean and jerk, he lifted 166kg, 169kg and 172kg in three attempts respectively to finish second overall. Medals are awarded separately for snatch, clean and jerk, and total lift in continental and World Championships. However, only one medal — for total lift — is awarded at the Olympics.

"These youngsters are very disciplined. They know their eventual goal and for that, they need to remain focussed. Jeremy did good despite knee injury and today (Wednesday), Achinta medalled. These are good signs for Indian weightlifting," said coach Pramod Kumar Sharma, who accompanied the team to the event.

IOC seeks answers from NSFs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will have to reply to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) apropos seven points, including vaccine status of all the Olympic bound athletes, by Thursday. According to a communication received from the IOC to the IOA, the world body wants all national sports federations (NSFs) to reply to them.

Even if the IOC hasn't made it mandatory for athletes to take the Covid-19 vaccine, the first point is "how many of your athletes and officials have been vaccinated, date of first vaccination and date of/likely date of next vaccination with name of vaccination used?"

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MOUNTING PRESSURE

Major Japan daily sponsoring Olympics joins cancellation chorus

AFP @Tokyo

JAPAN'S *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper, an official Tokyo Olympics sponsor, called for the Games to be cancelled on Wednesday, in the latest sign of opposition less than two months before the opening ceremony. The call comes with public opinion in Japan firmly against holding the Games this summer, and after prominent business leaders voiced their concern in recent weeks.

Organisers insist however that the Games are on, saying an extensive rulebook will keep athletes and the Japanese public safe. The *Asahi* daily's editorial urged Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga to "make a calm, objective assessment of the situation and make the decision to cancel this summer's Olympics".

The paper said it "cannot accept the gamble" of holding the event, despite organisers' assurances it will be safe. It also accused International Olympic Committee leaders, including vice-president John Coates, of being "self-righteous" and "clearly out of step" with the Japanese public.

When asked last week if the Games could be held even during a virus state of emergency, Coates said "the answer is absolutely yes". Tokyo and other parts of Japan are currently under a state of emergency, which is expected to be extended this week until June 20.

Seiko Hashimoto, president of the Tokyo Olympic Organising Committee, during a Tokyo 2020 executive board meeting on Wednesday | AP

"Saying 'yes' without demonstrating any clear grounds for it once again drove home the self-righteous image of the IOC," the Asahi editorial said.

Tokyo 2020 CEO Toshiro Muto said it was "natural" that "different media organisations have different views", but acknowledged that people are "anxious".

"The national and local governments have put stringent measures in place to contain the spread of infections, and we believe the situation will improve as a result," he said.

Muto added that no executive board members had called for the Games to be cancelled or postponed. Two prominent figures in Japanese business have also voiced opposition to the Games in recent weeks.

Masayoshi Son, head of tech investment behemoth SoftBank Group, tweeted on Sunday: "Do the IOC have the right to decide if it's held or not?"

"If you think about what people have to put up with, we might have a lot more to lose" if the Games go ahead, he added.

And earlier this month Hiroshi Mikitani, CEO of e-commerce giant Rakuten, called the Games "a suicide mission".

"The risk is too big and... I'm against having the Tokyo Olympics this year," he told *CNN*.

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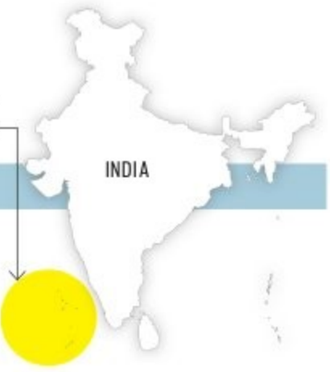
36 ISLANDS

Laskhadweep means 1 lakh islands, but in reality it's an archipelago of 36 islands of which 12 are atolls, three reefs, five submerged banks, and only 10 are inhabited islands.

65,000 Population of Lakshadweep



Congress MPs TN Prathapan and Hibi Eden protest outside the Lakshadweeep admin office in Kochi | ALBIN MATHEW

LAKSHADWEEP ON THE BOIL

The residents of Lakshadweep and political parties have launched a #SaveLakshadweep campaign demanding the recall of administrator Praful Khoda Patel. The islanders allege that the reforms introduced by Patel, after he took over in December 2020, are detrimental to the traditional social, cultural and economic character of the Union territory. Opposition parties including the Congress allege that the unilateral decisions of the administrator will destroy the cultural heritage of Lakshadweep and affect people's livelihoods. A look

WHO IS PRAFUL K PATEL?

Praful Khoda Patel, who is the administrator of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, was given the additional charge of Lakshadweep in December following the death of then administrator Dineshwar Sharma. Praful is a BJP leader from Gujarat and had served as the Minister of State for Home in the Narendra Modi-led state government in Gujarat for two years

HIS PROPOSALS AND ACTIONS

1 Prohibition of slaughter without certificate from competent authority

Praful Patel has proposed the Lakshadweep Animal Preservation Regulation, 2021, which bans slaughter of the cow, calf, bull and bullocks. Animals should be slaughtered only at places specified for the purpose. The sale and purchase of beef and beef products are banned under the proposed law. Persons who slaughter animals without a certificate are liable to be punished with imprisonment extending to one year and a fine of up to `10,000. Besides, in February, mutton and chicken were removed from schools' midday meal menus. Children had been provided non-vegetarian meals at Anganwadis till then

2 Land regulations

The draft Lakshadweep Development Authority Regulation proposes changes in the existing land ownership and usage by giving sweeping, arbitrary and unchecked powers to the government to directly interfere with the islanders' right to possess and retain their property. It empowers the government to pick any land for development activities including building, engineering, mining, quarrying and other operations have been listed under development activities

3 Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, 2021

The proposed law gives powers to detain a person without any public disclosure for a period of up to one year. Locals fear that bill will pave the way for detention without a trial and say that such a harsh law is not required. The island has a negligible crime rate, all the more reason why the law is suspect

4 Bar on election contest

The draft Lakshadweep Panchayat Regulation, 2021 says if a resident has more than two children, he/she cannot contest a panchayat election. "No person who has more than two children shall be a member of a gram panchayat or continue as such..." the draft text of the regulation says

5 Plan to allow sale of liquor

The administrator allowed sale of liquor at hotels and resorts in three islands in the name of tourism promotion. The Muslim majority island territory has remained a non-alcoholic zone for decades. Liquor sale was allowed only in Bangaram islands till now. Liquor was not allowed in other islands and travellers were not allowed to carry liquor

6 Winding up of dairy farms

Dairy farms operated by the Animal Husbandry department have been shut down. On May 21, dairy farms of the local government were also ordered shut; all animals are to be auctioned by May 31

7 Coastal regulation

The island administration has demolished huts erected by fishermen along the coastline alleging violation of Coastal Regulation Zone and Coast Guard Act. These sheds were built by fisherfolk to keep their nets and fishing gear. The sheds were constructed under an exemption provided to the fisherfolk

8 Cargo diverted to Mangaluru

The administration has diverted freight transit to Mangaluru, ending the trade ties between the islands and Kerala. The islanders depend on ports of Beypore and Kochi for logistics and medical facilities

A FISH ECONOMY

A file photo from Minicoy in Lakshadweep, where sales of tuna products are the main source of income for a majority of women. More than 93 per cent of Lakshadweep's population is Muslims, who have been given the status of Scheduled Tribe | TP SOORAJ

9 Termination of services of employees

Services of hundreds of contract labourers working under various departments of the Union territory have been terminated. Casual and contractual workers of various government offices have been dismissed. The recruitment rules will be reviewed where the educational qualifications do not match the latest developments

10 Change in SOP for emergency evacuation

The administration has changed the standard operating procedure for emergency evacuation of patients. As per the order, all uncomplicated orthopaedic cases including hip fracture should be sent by ship. Medical officer should ensure that no cases other than emergency one are referred to for transfer by special sortie helicopter

11 Covid spread

Lakshadweep had remained a Covid-19 green zone during the first wave of the pandemic, with the first case being reported only on January 18, 2021. Protesters allege that the changes in quarantine and travel rules effected by the then-new administrator led to rapid spread of the coronavirus disease. The islands have so far reported 7,111 cases, of which 2,320 are active. As many as 26 people have died due to the disease

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

The Lakshadweep administration has called an all-party meeting on May 27 to discuss the issues raised by residents. Representatives of the Congress, NCP and BJP will attend the meeting, which will be held online

The Congress has written to President Ram Nath Kovind seeking his intervention in recalling Patel

People of Lakshdweep have approached United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, as well as the United Nation's Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, against the actions of the new administrator

#SaveLakshadweep campaign has been trending on social media since May 23. Many prominent personalities and celebrities have come forward in extending their support to the campaign

Shell ordered to cut CO_2 emissions in landmark case

CLIMATE

THE HAGUE: A Dutch court has ordered Royal Dutch Shell to cut its carbon emissions by net 45% by 2030 compared to 2019 levels in a landmark case brought by climate activist groups.

The ruling on Wednesday by The Hague District Court could set a precedent for similar cases against polluting multinationals around the world.

The court ruled that the Anglo-Dutch energy giant has a duty of care to reduce emissions and that its current reduction plans are not concrete enough.

Shell can appeal the ruling.

The court said in an English language summary of its ruling that Shell is not currently in breach of its obligation to reduce emissions as the environmental groups argued because the parent company is tightening its emissions policy.

However, it added that the policy "is not concrete, has many caveats and is based on monitoring social developments rather than the company's own responsibility for achieving a CO2 reduction."

"Therefore, the court has ordered RDS to reduce the emissions of the Shell group, its suppliers and its customers by net 45%, as compared to 2019 levels, by the end of 2030, through the corporate policy of the Shell group."

A group of seven environmental and human rights organizations and some 1,700 Dutch citizens filed the case in 2018, calling on the court to order Shell to cut emissions in line with the global goals set out in the Paris climate agreement. That equates to Shell cutting its emissions 45% by 2030.

The case in the Netherlands is the latest in a string of legal challenges filed around the world by climate activists seeking action to rein in emissions, but it is believed to be the first targeting a multinational company.

Pacific sees a 'Super Blood Moon' rising

ASTRONOMY

STARGAZERS across the Pacific cast their eyes skyward on Wednesday to witness a rare "Super Blood Moon", as the heavens aligned to bring a spectacular lunar eclipse.

The first total lunar eclipse in two years took place at the same time as the Moon was closest to Earth, in what astronomers say is a once-in-a-decade show.

Anyone living between Australia and the central United States was able to see an enormous, bright, orangey-red Moon if the skies were clear.

The Moon darkened and turned red -- a result of sunlight refracting off the Earth's rim onto the lunar surface -- basking our satellite in a sunrise- or sunset-tinged glow.

Unlike a solar eclipse, the phenomenon was safely visible to the naked eye.

This eclipse was different because it happened during a "Super Moon" when the Moon passes a mere 360,000 kilometres from Earth.

At that point, it can appear 30% brighter and 14% larger than at its farthest point.

A lunar eclipse during dawn in Brazil. Wednesday's eclipse is the first in over two years and coincides with a supermoon | AP

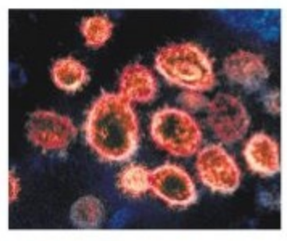
FACT OF THE MATTER

Iran bans crypto mining

TECH

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday announced a four-month ban on all cryptocurrency mining, a day after his energy minister apologised for unplanned power cuts in major cities. Iranian officials have regularly blamed unlicensed cryptocurrency miners for using vast amounts of electricity. "Cryptocurrency activities and mining cryptocurrencies must be stopped" until September 22, Rouhani said. Power cuts in the peak summer months are not uncommon in Iran, but Tehran and several other major cities were hit by unplanned blackouts late last week, sparking complaints from consumers and businesses.

B.1.617 strain in 53 nations



HEALTH

The coronavirus variant first detected in India has now been officially recorded in 53 territories, a World Health Organization report showed. Additionally, the WHO has received information from unofficial sources that the B.1.617 variant has been found in seven other territories, figures in the UN health agency's weekly epidemiological update showed, taking the total to 60. The report said B.1.617 had shown increased transmissibility, while disease severity and risk of infection were under investigation. Globally over the past week, the number of new cases and deaths continued to decrease.

SOCIAL LEARNING

Chimps develop specific handshakes depending on social group, finds 12-year-long study

PRIMATOLOGY

PARIS: Chimpanzees develop specific handshake-like gestures depending on their social group, according to the results of a 12-year observational study published on Wednesday that sheds light on the animals' complex social structures.

Chimps are often referred to as being the most "human-like" non-human species, given their propensity to perform complicated tasks, such as tool use, which were long thought to be the sole preserve of mankind.

Edwin van Leeuwen, an expert in animal behaviour at the University of Antwerp and the city's Royal Zoological Society, studied dozens of chimpanzees sheltered at Zambia's Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage Trust over a 12-year span.

Despite a large turnover in the chimp population due to deaths and births, Van Leeuwen was able to observe specific and repeated hand gestures among chimps in two distinct groups.

The gesture, known as the grooming handclasp, involves "each of the participants simultaneously (extending) an arm overhead and the other (clasping) the other's wrist or hand or both clasping each other's hand," according to the results of his study, published in the journal Royal Society Biology Letters.

Through years of observation, Van Leeuwen found that palm-to-palm grasping was "substantially more pronounced" in one group, or society, of chimps than the other.

He also found that female chimps were far more likely than males to grasp palms, while males were more likely to grasp wrists, likely due to males' desires to assert or affirm dominance.

The chimps appeared to have learned to perform the grasps "to some extent" as a ritual, reminiscent of secret handshakes performed by humans | AFP

"The fact that they have developed different styles in different groups reflects that they learn the style socially within their groups," Van Leeuwen told AFP.

He said the chimps appeared to have learned to perform the grasps "to some extent" as a ritual, reminiscent of secret handshakes performed by humans.

"The handclasp fits into the whole social interaction that two individuals engage in sometimes, making it a special connection within an already intimate grooming bout."

Van Leeuwen said his study was evidence of chimps' ability to preserve "the stability of traditions", a behaviour that among humans is thought of as cultural persistence.

He said the behaviour could not be explained by genetic or environmental factors since the composition of the two separate chimp groups was essentially identical -- yet they each developed distinct grasping techniques.

He said the specific gestures and their longevity within each group could be a result of "the shared trait of social learning".

With more than a decade spent observing the chimps' behaviour, Van Leeuwen said he got to know the personality traits of each individual animal.

"Like humans, they have their individual ways of doing -- be it during play, eating or grooming," he said.

"Some chimpanzees are very serious, always on the look-out for ripples in the social atmosphere," added Van Leeuwen.

"Some are more care-free and interact with even high-ranking individuals in their group with light touches of play."

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DAY'S DIARY

Movie release

Madagascar, a computer animated comedy film produced by DreamWorks Animation, was released in movie theatres on this day in 2005

THE PLOT

On his 10th birthday, in spite of a lovely party thrown by his friends, Marty, the zebra, finds himself in a midlife crisis, and decides to visit the open spaces and grassy savannahs of Connecticut

SEQUELS

A sequel, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, was released in 2008. The third film, *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted* was released in 2012

REEL VS REAL

In the movie, the animals are housed at Central Park Zoo. But in reality, none of the main character animals — lion, zebra, giraffe or hippo — are actually housed at the Central Park Zoo

'Happy that opportunities are abundant'

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It's our right to put forward our opinions about the ministry and social issues... Companies need to have stronger cyber security cells which look into reported problems and make platforms a safer place

– Disha Panda, student

BAN OR NO BAN?

On February 26, the central government announced new IT rules making it mandatory for platforms with over five million users to allow information to be traceable. Failure to comply, will make the companies liable for criminal action for content deemed illegal. While Koo is on board with the new rules, several social media giants have not complied. WhatsApp, owned by Facebook, has challenged the rules in the Delhi High Court

The government's new IT rules have got Bengalureans talking about whether it's ok to look into private messages on social media or not

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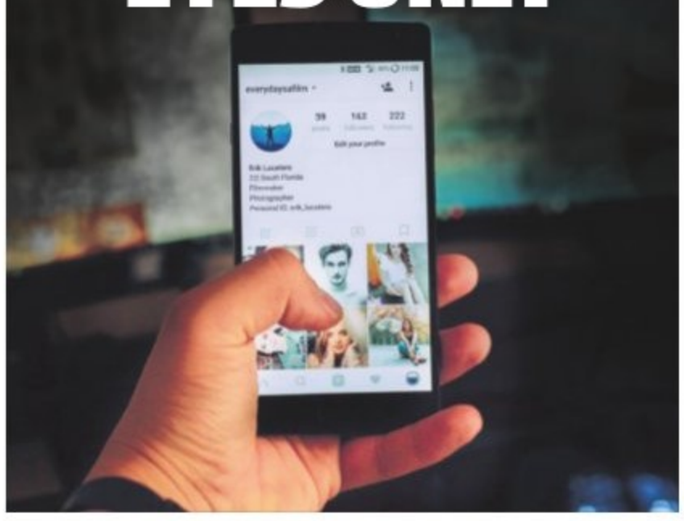


EXPRESS FEATURES

THE new rules for social media have opened pandora's box. Tuesday - the deadline for social media platforms to comply with rules on making messages on social media traceable has set the stage for some uncertainty.

While the government says it is being done to cub mischief, critics say traceability only be done at the expense of privacy. The views of the city's residents reflect the many sides to this conversation.

Mass communication student Meghna Bose thinks that for many businesses, social media are crucial for visibility, but says such platforms are also important for public debate. "They give us the space to express solidarity on social issues and movements. If the new laws intend to work against them and also at the cost of privacy, it becomes dangerous," she says.

City-based technologist Chandrashekar says social media giants must be held accountable. "They must comply with the law of the land. The government is just asking them to identify the instigators of unlawful content by tracing the originator of the message."

Musician Behram Siganporia pointed out that in the current atmosphere, social media are crucial to the survival of many businesses, but added, "All of us have a right to privacy and freedom of expression. It's one thing to invade someone's privacy and another thing to trace the start of a rumour / spread of misinformation or harmful information."

IPS officer and cybersecurity expert Sanjay Sahay says, "The law is aimed only at content that has a criminal angle or is a matter of intelligence. Social media giants have gained control over us for years now. Now, it is important that the government introduces new codes to make social media accountable."

Eighteen-year-old student Disha Panda however, points out that tracing people and looking at who they are talking to invades their privacy. "It's our right to put forward opinions about the ministry and social issues," she says. In her opinion, better laws are the key. "Issues regarding language, wrong news, objectification etc, should be looked into. Companies need to have stronger cyber security cells which look into reported problems and make platforms a safer place."

However, technology lawyer and founder of sflc.in, Mishi Choudhary says the rules grant several government authorities the ability to restrict content or be provided access to user data. "Companies need to be regulated. But the current rules are trying to control everything a citizen does online... what videos they watch on streaming platforms, what news they access or what they speak on social media. The rules should be stayed. The government must go back to the drawing board to come up with regulations befitting a democracy like India and a market which has the potential to take over Silicon Valley."

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

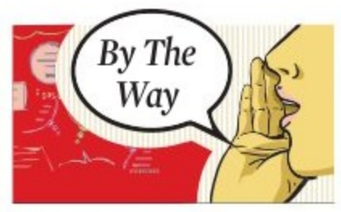
THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1)The Residency; 2) Meade's Park; 3)Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Padma A V
2) Tejas Maruthysy
3) Sambhrama B S

Down time



Over the last one month, musician Raghu Dixit has been lending a helping hand to those in need of hospital beds, oxygen, medicines, et al. On Tuesday, Dixit finally got down to do some reading,and picked up Why Nationals Fail by Daron Acemoglu and James A Robinson."It's been a long time since I read a book. And it's been a long long time since a book kept me up all night! Brilliant read.... and so much to learn. I am yet to finish it but it's unputdownable!," he captioned a photo on social media. Sounds like he got some much-needed me-time.

New skills

Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has found time to catch up on his football skills. Taking a long shot at the goal post, Kohli just misses shooting the football into the goal as it hits the crossbar. He calls it the "Accidental crossbar challenge". Check out the video on his social media page.

Floral prints are a timeless wardrobe essential – they never go out of style. Fashion designers talk about this essential and how different age groups can carry it off

Smashing in florals

SHREYA VERONICA

HAS this ever happened to you? Every time you run a Google search on the latest fashion trends, invariably floral designs are in the 'top 10 wardrobe must-haves'. This is irrespective of the season. There's a reason why easy-breezy floral prints are considered a timeless wardrobe essential. Be it in the form of maxi dresses, jumpsuits or even sarees, these never go out of style and trend all year round. Right from celebs to the girl-next-door, florals are every woman's favourite and are just getting popular by the day.

But carrying them off with grace and panache may need a bit of work. We speak to designers about why floral prints continue to dominate the charts and what does one do to look smashing in it. Archana Shah, who owns an eponymous clothing label, is known for her floral designs. "Ninety per cent of the people love floral prints because these are not restricted to a particular season. What matters is how you play with the colours. In the summer, go for pastels and fresh colours, and in winter, turn to darker hues and jewel tones. Large scale linear florals are big this season," she says.

In addition to having a sense of what goes with what, matching an outfit with your personality is also important. This doubt crops up especially when one is considering buying a floral outfit. "It depends on the body type. Someone who is conscious and does not want to accentuate their curves could opt for smaller prints. Those who are carefree can go for big and bold prints. It depends on the personality. Gone are the days when people feared being bodyshamed. They simply want to experiment with their outfits," says Shah. She suggests starting with smaller prints, something that is not too loud, so that you can confidently make it a part of your wardrobe.

Rama Rebbapragada, owner of Studio Rama, is known for her Kalmakari designs and has used floral prints in her saree and dress designs. According to her, florals are always in, big time! "These look great in any form – sarees or kurtas. A printed kurta with a pair of printed pants is the trend right now and looks classy. Pastel florals go well on youngsters and the slightly mid-toned ones look good on those above 40 years old," she says.

Rebbapragada suggests organza florals for the younger generation and flowing silk cottons or tabby silks for the older generation. "If you want to look stylish in a saree, try a floral one and team it up with a floral blouse. Go print-on-print. The best thing about this pattern is that you do not need jewellery as such, a simple string of pearls brings the look together," she says. Statement rings also go well with the look.

Now that your outfit is sorted, do not ignore your footwear. Pick some floral footwear with a bit of bling.

Kajal Aggarwal

Match 'em right

1. Any shade of teal, peach, pink and lint blue work well with floral prints
2. Florals are delicate, so match your outfit with another delicate shade
3. Statement rings simply add to the oomph factor
4. Pick out a pair of floral footwear with a bit of bling on them

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EXPRESS READ

City firm donated oxygen concentrators

City firm contributes oxygen concentrators as part of Covid relief aidVisionet Systems, a digital, technology and business processing management company, has collaborated with GiveIndia, a non-profit organisation, for Covid relief work. Visionet has contributed over 200 oxygen concentrators and 100 ICU beds by partnering with GiveIndia. So far, the ICU beds have served over 8,400 people, the cylinders have helped around 10,400 people and the Oxygen concentrators have made a difference to around 21,000 people, according to a release.

Friends remember Suresh Shah, founder of Sapna Book House, who died of Covid-19 as a helpful person with excellent entrepreneurial skills

RAGS TO RACKS OF BOOKS

EXPRESS FEATURES

AFTER reading a very short, Twitter biography of Sapna Book House founder Suresh Shah, who died of on Tuesday, a Twitter user described him thus: "Rags to riches No in fact Rags to racks of Books (sic)".

Eighty-four-year-old **Suresh Shah**, who was Covid-19 positive, was hospitalised on May 1 in Sheshadripuram, and breathed his last on Tuesday after he developed cardiac complications.

The news comes close on the heels of the death of T S Shanbhag, the owner of Premier Bookshop. The loss of the founders of two of Bengaluru's iconic book shops has created a sense of sadness among bibliophiles.

Twitter user Gurudatta R (@Guruofcrusaders) was on point. Hailing from Mumbai, Shah initially worked as a porter at Dadar Railway Station before moving to Bengaluru in 1965. Then a young man, Shah sold lottery tickets at a store in Gandhinagar. His hard work paid off, and lady luck graced him. He opened a small book store in the same area and named it Sapna Book House. Over the years, he built it into a well-known and much-loved franchise with 19 branches across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The chain is now run by Shah's sons and grandson Nijesh Shah.

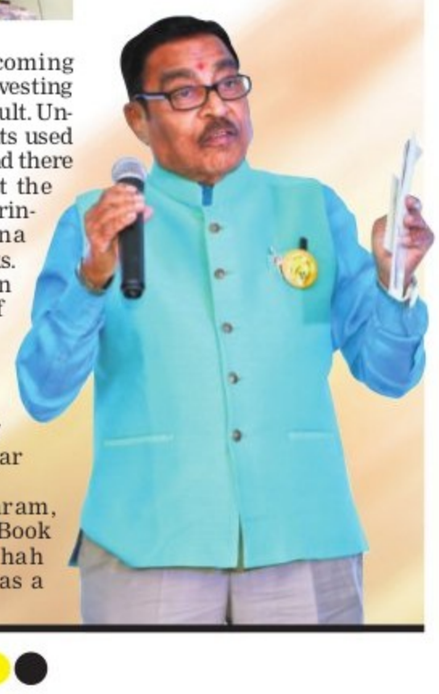
KK Murthy, owner of Select Book Store on Brigade Road, said he remembers Shah as a friendly person. "I had met him personally. He was a friendly and helpful gentleman," says Murthy, who is over 90 years old. Coming from the book store business, he says they all had a niche of their own and is saddened by the news.

MK Srinivas, who has been in the publishing industry for close to 33 years and knew Shah since 1978, calls him a visionary for his contribution to the Kannada publishing industry. "There were many upcoming Kannada writers and investing in their books was difficult. Unlike now, the investments used to be huge back then. And there was no guarantee that the book would sell," says Srinivas. That's when Sapna started publishing books.

Srinivas, who was then a sales representative of Rupa and Co. and was handling the publisher's sales in southern India, recalls that Shah had published works of Shivaram Karanth, Nisar Ahmed and others.

Atmaram N Gangaram, founder of Gangaram Book Bureau, also knew Shah from the 1970s. "He was a very hardworking person. "He started it very small but achieved huge success. He was socially connected and did a lot for the Gujarati association," recalls Gangaram.

K K Murthy



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– Atmaram N Gangaram, founder, Gangaram Book Bureau

HEALTH WEBINAR

Twin Health, a US-headquartered diabetes reversal company is conducting a session moderated by health experts on reversing diabetes, increasing metabolism and availing the right kind of treatment to beat the disease.
When: May 29
Details: bookmyshow.com

SKILLING UP

Enlighted Sapiens, a social enterprise is conducting a virtual interactive session on how to discover the inner-self, dominant intuitive style and stay connected. It also focuses on training the participants in enhanced decision making process
When: May 30 **Details:** insider.in

DIGITAL CIRCUS SHOW

Rambo circus is organising 'Life is a Circus', its first-ever digitally-produced show in multiple locations. The event aims to induce laughter, entertainment and much more with artistes performing from their homes. **When:** May 28 onwards **Details:** bookmyshow.com

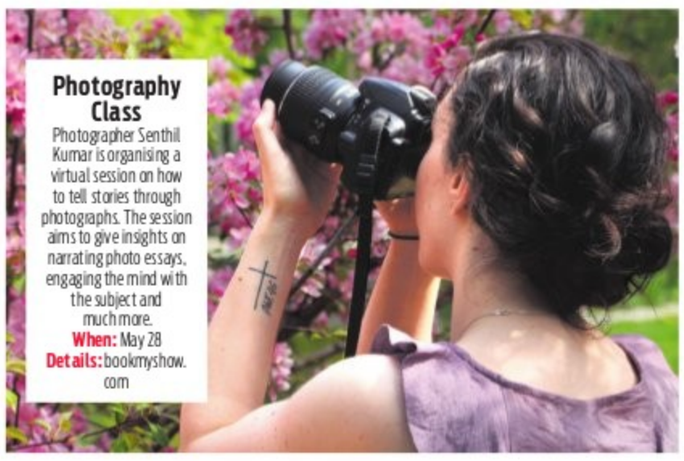
LITERARY CONVERSATION

Prabha Khaitan Foundation presents The Write Circle- a virtual conversation between Bangalore- based author Roopa Rai and Ruskin Bond. The conversation is centred around Ruskin Bond's latest book *All Times Favourites* for Children and his literary journey so far.
When: May 29, 6:30 pm
Details: Prabha Khaitan Foundation's Facebook page

MAGNOLIA BAKERY IS LAUNCHING A NEW CUPCAKE CALLED S' MORES FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE INGREDIENTS. AVAILABLE AT THE BAY, BELLANDUR

Acting Workshop

Flux Bengaluru is organising a theatre workshop for aspiring actors. The workshop introduces participants to the basic elements of theatre and master classes which will be focusing on components like mind, body and voice.
When: May 29 onwards
Details: bookmyshow.com
Youtube



Photography Class

Photographer Senthil Kumar is organising a virtual session on how to tell stories through photographs. The session aims to give insights on narrating photo essays, engaging the mind with the subject and much more.
When: May 28
Details: bookmyshow.com

Covid Care Meals

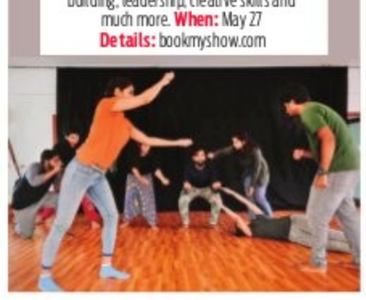
Gawky Goose- Kitchen and Bar is launching 'care meals' for those affected by COVID-19 and are quarantined or isolated at home without a helping hand to cook. The meal box will provide healthy and balanced meals like rice, chapati, curry and much more.
To place orders call: 9901787273

LOL

Stand up comedian Sorabh Pant is performing a comedy show called *The Expert*. In this weekly news show, he will cover politics, world news, film, sports, local news and about pop culture. When: May 29 onwards, **Tickets on:** bookmyshow.com

Theatre Workshop

Acting coach Dimple Kalshan is organising online theatre games for teen and pre-teens. The workshop aims to train participants in team-work, team-building, leadership, creative skills and much more. **When:** May 27
Details: bookmyshow.com



QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

DARK CHOCOLATE PUDDING

INGREDIENTS

- **Dark (70%) chocolate:** 165 g, chopped
- **Unsalted butter:** 170 g
- **Eggs:** 6
- **Caster sugar:** 165 g
- **Flour:** 115 g
- **Powdered almond:** 60 g

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 200°C. Grease a 1.25-litre baking dish. Place chocolate and butter in a small saucepan over low heat and cook for 3-4 minutes or until melted. Remove from heat and cool.
- Whisk eggs and sugar until pale and fluffy. Combine the flour and powdered almond in a bowl and fold into the egg mixture. Gently fold through chocolate mixture.
- Pour batter into dish and tap gently. Place baking dish on a baking tray and bake for 15-20 minutes.
- Remove from oven and let it cool on a wire rack. Dust with cocoa and drizzle thick cream.

— Sharanya Vadepalli, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

BADDHA ANANTASANA

(INFINITY POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'baddha' means bound or binding, 'ananta' means unending, and 'asana' means pose. It is an advanced level yoga pose that involves stretch, twist, strength, and balance. This Infinity Pose is one of the variations of Vishnu Pose (Anantasana). It is said to activate the Ajna (third eye) Chakra, which allows for clear thought, spiritual contemplation, and self-reflection. This asana must be performed under the guidance of a yoga expert.

STEPS

- Lie down on your back. Exhale and turn to the side.
- Stretch one arm beyond the head and keep it in line with the body.
- Inhale and raise your head. Bend your elbow, raise your forearm and place your head on your palm.
- Make sure your ear is covered with palm. Bend the opposite knee and hold your big toe.
- Wrap the index and middle fingers around the big toe and press your thumb on the top of the big toe.
- Exhale and stretch your arm and leg up together.
- Bring your foot close to your ear.
- Place your shoulder under the back of your knee.
- Hold your foot with your hand.
- Bend your knee and hold your foot with your hand in such a way that your foot slightly touches the hamstring of the extended leg.
- Straighten your back and turn your head and look up. Stay in this pose for 3 to 6 long breaths.
- To come out of this pose, release your leg and lie flat on your back.
- Repeat the pose with the other leg for the same length of time.

BENEFITS

- Helps reduce stress and anxiety.
- Helps open the hip flexors, hamstrings and groins.
- Strengthens the quadriceps and inner thigh muscles.
- Stretches the lower body muscles.
- Very useful in improving flexibility.
- Helps relieve fatigue and improve core stability.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid this posture if you have pain or injury in your neck, shoulders or back.
- If you are suffering from sciatica or have any kind of injury to your knee, you should avoid practising this asana.
- If you are suffering from high or low blood pressure, avoid this asana.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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DARKNESS RADIO

Dave and Tim take listeners on an entertaining journey into all aspects of the supernatural, from ghosts and aliens, to monsters, mysteries, myths and legends with guest experts, experiencers and eye witnesses.
- On Apple Podcasts

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Taking listeners across the Pacific Northwest and around the world, host Chris Morgan explores wildlife and the complex web of ecosystems they inhabit. He also tells the stories of people working in and protecting the wild around us.
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The Nature Podcast brings you the best stories from the world of science each week. We cover everything from astronomy to zoology, highlighting the most exciting research from each issue of Nature journal.
- On Apple Podcast

VAYADI

Vayadi is a podcast from Chennai Art Theatre. It features a range of lesser-known and spoken about topics; along with radio plays, artist profiles, technical know-how in theatre and much more.
- On Spotify

THE PERSONAL FINANCE PODCAST

Andrew Giancola from Dollar After Dollar reveals all of his personal finance, money, investing, business strategies, income sources, stock, and real estate investing tips so that you can build more wealth than you ever thought possible.
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

BHARJARI

Surya, an orphan raised by the best friend of his deceased mother, wants to become a soldier. He falls in love with a woman but soon gets an offer to join the army.
- Cast: Dhruva Sarja, Haripriya, Rachita Ram

POWER

A politician slips into a coma after getting attacked by criminals. He wakes up after several years to find his son has taken up his responsibilities. However, things are not what they seem to be.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Trisha Krishnan, Avinash

NAVAGRAHA

A group of thieves plans to steal a gold elephant carriage from the Mysore Palace. However, things take a turn when a police officer attempts to foil their plan.
- Cast: Darshan, Srujan Lokesh, Vinod Prabhakar

MILANA

Anjali's father forces her to marry Akash. Unable to forget her past, she demands a divorce from Akash, but soon begins to fall for him.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu

RX SOORI

A young gangster becomes infamous for his criminal activities in Andhra Pradesh. But things change when he falls in love with his childhood friend.
- Cast: Duniya Vijay, Ravi Shankar, Adi Lokesh

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

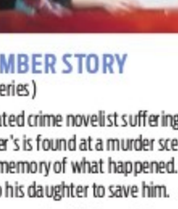
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT YOUR SLEEP PATTERNS SAY ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP BY WENDY TROXEL

Wendy Troxel looks at the cultural expectations that pressure couples into sharing a bed and why some relationships would benefit from sleeping separately. All TEDx events are organised independently by volunteers in the spirit of TED's mission of ideas worth spreading.

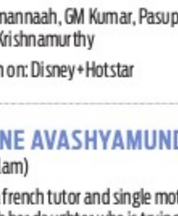
2 WHY MEDICINE OFTEN HAS DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS FOR WOMEN BY ALYSON MCGREGOR

Alyson McGregor studies the differences between male and female patients. In this fascinating talk, she explains how the male model became our framework for medical research...and what women and men need to ask their doctors to get the right care for their bodies.



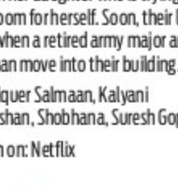
3 THE BRAIN BENEFITS OF DEEP SLEEP AND HOW TO GET MORE OF IT BY DAN GARTENBERG

There's nothing quite like a good night's sleep. What if technology could help us get more out of it? Dan Gartenberg is working on tech that stimulates deep sleep, the most regenerative stage which might help us consolidate our memories and form our personalities.



4 THE DANGER OF A SINGLE STORY BY CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHE

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice — and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.



5 DEBUNKING THE MYTHS OF OCD BY DR NATASCHA M SANTOS

There's a common misconception that if you like to meticulously organise your things, keep your hands clean, or plan to the last detail, you might be OCD. In fact, OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder) is a serious psychiatric condition that is frequently misunderstood. Natascha M Santos debunks the myths surrounding OCD.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)

An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

INSPECTOR VIKRAM (Kannada)

Vikram, a police officer, strives hard to solve every case that comes his way. However, things take a turn when he encounters a criminal mastermind who runs an illegal drug operation.
Cast: Prajwal Devaraj, Bhavana
- Watch on Sunnxt

HERO (Kannada)

A barber stumbles upon his ex-lover in the home of a notoriously bloodthirsty gang leader. Misadventures ensue when he tries to help her escape with the gangster's men in hot pursuit. Cast: Rishab Shetty, Pramod Shetty
- Watch on: Zee 5

AARKKARIYAM (Malayalam)

Shirley and Roy, in the middle of an impending Covid lockdown and a personal financial crisis, leave their Mumbai home for Shirley's home in Pala where her father Ittyavira stays. Roy soon finds that her home is not what he thought it is.

Cast: Sharafudden, Biju Menon, Parvathy Thiruvothu, Saiju Kurup
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

NOVEMBER STORY (Tamil, series)

A celebrated crime novelist suffering from Alzheimer's is found at a murder scene with no memory of what happened. Now it is up to his daughter to save him.

Cast: Tamannaah, GM Kumar, Pasupathy, Namita Krishnamurthy
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

VARANE AVASHYAMUND (Malayalam)

Neena, a french tutor and single mother, lives with her daughter who is trying to find a groom for herself. Soon, their lives change when a retired army major and a young man move into their building.

Cast: Dulquer Salmaan, Kalyani Priyadarshan, Shobhana, Suresh Gopi
- Watch on: Netflix

KALA (Malayalam)

The death of a beloved dog hurls two women into a violent and bloody conflict on a sprawling estate in Kerala.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, Divya Pillai, Lal, Sumesh Moor
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE NAMESAKE (English)

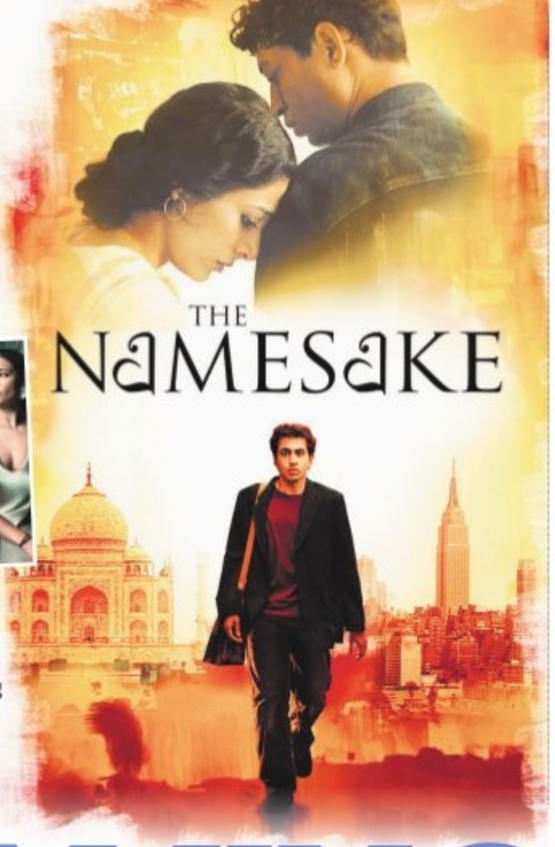
Ashima and Ashoke, immigrant Bengali parents, try to adjust to life in America, while Gogol, their son, tries to find his identity and choose between the two worlds.

Cast: Kal Penn, Irrfan Khan, Tabu
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

WHO KILLED SARA? (Spanish, series)

After being framed for his sister's murder, Alex is hell-bent on exacting revenge and finding the real culprit.

Cast: Carolina Miranda, Manolo Cardona, Ela Velden, Eugenio Siller
- Watch on: Netflix



ANOTHER ROUND (Danish)

Four high school teachers consume alcohol on a daily basis to see how it affects their social and professional lives.

Cast: Mads Mikkelsen, Magnus Millang, Maria Bonnevie, Thomas Bo Larsen
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (English)

Andy, a young graduate aspiring to be a journalist, comes to New York and becomes an assistant to one of the city's biggest magazine editors, the ruthless and cynical Miranda Priestly.

Cast: Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt, Stanley Tucci
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

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PREGNANCY AND THE PANDEMIC

Pregnant and Covid positive? Follow these safety measures to ensure both you and the baby are healthy

DR USHA MR

While pregnancy is a low-immunity condition, there is no evidence to suggest that pregnant women are at a greater risk of contracting Covid-19. However, it is imperative that pregnant women take extra safety precautions during these pandemic times. Wearing a face mask in public, periodic hand washing, using sanitisers when soap is not available, maintaining social distancing and avoiding travel whenever possible are some of the important safety measures they can take. It is a fact though that the virus affects pregnant women with diabetes or asthma much more severely.

Given the recent rise in cases, it has been observed that pregnant women, especially those above 35 years of age, are more vulnerable to Covid-19 in their third trimester, and at the fag end of their pregnancy or if they have pre-existing medical conditions like kidney disease, high BP, obesity or diabetes.

Pregnant women who contract the disease should restrict themselves only to online consultations in the first and second trimester and maybe only visit the hospital once in two months for blood pressure and vitals check-up. In the third trimester, the mandatory weekly check-ups towards the end of the pregnancy must be strictly followed. There is not enough data available today to suggest that Covid-19 causes miscarriage or pre-term labour. Proper diet and hydration, getting enough sleep, and most importantly, not getting stressed plays an important role in the management of the disease. It is also important for pregnant women to try and get as much natural Vitamin D as possible, by getting 20 to 30 minutes of mid-morning sunlight, either on one's terrace or even on the balcony. Pregnant women must not indulge in self-medication. Whatever the situation it is very important that they consult their gynaecologist for medication.

Pregnant women affected by Covid-19 should make it a habit to monitor the baby as well. It is advisable that pregnant women monitor the movement count of the baby, which should be roughly three counts in an hour. According to available data, there is no vertical transmission of Covid between the mother and the baby either through amniotic fluid or the blood. So, pregnant women affected by Covid need not stress about whether their baby will be born with the disease. It is normally only after birth that the baby has a chance to contract the virus. Breastmilk is the best source of nutrition for babies. In case a mother is positive and gives birth, she should not stop breastfeeding the baby. She should wash her hands, wear protective gear (PPE) and use a mask while feeding. After feeding the baby, she should maintain at least six feet distance from the baby. Also, an immediate change of clothing and towels for the baby and the mother is advised.

Nutrition for a pregnant woman is very important. They must ensure to have structured meal timings and include vegetables with each meal and not skip any meal. Pregnant women often crave snacks; focussing on snacks that are high in energy and nutrition helps. They should not wait to be thirsty to have a drink. Exercise and rest are vital.

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TYPES OF BACK SURGERY

Discectomy: Removal of the herniated portion of a disk to relieve irritation and inflammation of a nerve. It's done as an open surgery and involves full or partial removal of the back portion of a vertebra to access the ruptured disk.

Laminectomy: It involves the removal of the bone overlying the spinal canal. It enlarges the spinal canal and is performed to relieve nerve pressure caused by spinal stenosis.

Fusion: Spinal fusion permanently connects two or more bones in your spine. It can relieve pain by adding stability to a spinal fracture. It is occasionally used to eliminate painful motion between vertebrae that can result from a degenerated or injured disk.

Vertebroplasty: Here, your surgeon injects bone cement into compressed vertebrae. For fractured and compressed vertebrae, this procedure can help stabilise fractures and relieve pain. With a similar but more expensive procedure - called kyphoplasty - a balloon-like device is inserted to attempt to expand compressed vertebrae before bone cement is injected.

Artificial discs: Implanted artificial discs are a treatment alternative to spinal fusion for painful movement between two vertebrae due to a degenerated or injured disk. These relatively-new devices are still being studied, so it's not yet clear what role they might play as an option.

Keep in mind: Before you agree to back surgery, consider a second opinion from a spine specialist. Spine surgeons hold differing opinions about when to operate, what type of surgery to perform, etc.

The pandemic and remote working has given rise to many cases of back pain. Learn when to consider surgical intervention for it

Back surgery: Do you need it?

DR S VIDYADHARA

Trauma, aging, improper body mechanics, and normal wear and tear can injure your spine. Damage to any part of your back or pressure on the nerves in your spine can cause back pain. If you have ongoing back pain, maybe you've wondered - could back surgery help?

In fact, back surgery is needed in only a small percentage of cases. Most back problems can be taken care of with non surgical treatments, such as anti-inflammatory medication, ice, heat, gentle massage and physical therapy. When conservative treatments don't help, back surgery may offer relief. But it doesn't help every type of back pain.

BACK SURGERY MIGHT BE NEEDED

- If you have a condition that compresses your spinal nerves, causing debilitating back pain or numbness along the back of your leg.
- When you have bulging or ruptured (herniated) disks - the rubbery cushions separating the bones in your spine. However, many people with bulging disks have no pain.
- If you have broken bones or other damage to your spinal column from an injury that leaves your spine unstable.
- If you have vertebral fractures and an unstable spine related to osteoporosis.
- If you've first tried conservative measures and they fail to relieve your back pain or other symptoms.

The following conditions may require surgery if they're progressive, painful or causing nerve compression:

- Scoliosis, a curvature of the spine
- Kyphosis, a humpback deformity
- Spondylolisthesis, the forward slippage of a segment of the spine
- Spinal stenosis, narrowing of the spinal canal typically from arthritis
- Radiculopathy, the irritation and inflammation of a nerve caused by a herniated disk
- Degenerative disk disease, the development of pain in a disc due to wear and tear

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NUGGETS

TV shows help teens navigate bullying, depression: Study

Can shows like *13 Reasons Why* help teens navigate bullying, suicidal thoughts, depression, etc? Yes, say researchers, but only when these issues are depicted with empathy. "Our research found that when teens watch TV shows that portray mental health issues, they actually talk about it with their peers, parents and partners," said researcher Yalda Uhls from the University of California. - IANS

Low testosterone in men linked to severe Covid risk

Men with low testosterone levels may be more prone to severe Covid-19 infection, say researchers, including one of Indian origin. "If a man had low testosterone when he first came to the hospital, his risk of having severe Covid-19 -- meaning his risk of requiring intensive care or dying -- was much higher compared with men who had more circulating testosterone," said researcher Abhinav Diwan from Washington University School of Medicine. - IANS

Plate perfect

There are hundreds of diets that will help you lose weight, but what good is losing weight if you gain it right back? Eliminating food groups is not the way to keep weight off. Instead, choose a nutritionally-balanced plan with enough calories to keep you from feeling hungry or giving into unnecessary cravings.

Eating regular meals and eating when you are hungry is key. Intense hunger can force you to binge, so more small meals or few big meals ensure you eat when the body is hungry and not when its simply time to eat as per clock, but the body does feel the hunger.

Let's start with breakfast. You are breaking the fast and hence it is a very important meal to wake the metabolism and give you the energy for the day. A wholesome breakfast should contain protein, good carbs and good fat to give you a lot of fibre. A wholesome, nutrition dense meal will keep you full for long (fruits, oatmeal, nuts, seeds, dosa/idli/poha/chutney, smoothies, ragi porridge etc).

Lunch must have a good combination of the macros and more important soluble and insoluble fibre (vegetables, whole grains, beans, chickpeas, dals etc). Ensure every lunch has a big serving of cooked vegetables, one green leafy vegetable, some raw salad, little rice/roti, non-veg (optional), yogurt (optional).

Evening snack can be packed with vitamins, minerals with a fistful of nuts (almonds, pistas, walnuts, Brazil nuts, peanuts etc) along with your tea/coffee.

Dinner can be early with a nice big bowl of warm soup (pea, broccoli, pumpkin, tomato) or can also have some grilled fish/chicken with stir fry vegetables.

Protein is important when you are on a weight-loss goal. Include a source of protein in all meals and snacks to feel full for hours.

Monitoring your portions and learning more about the calories in the foods you enjoy will help you meet your goals. Track your meals, journal them if necessary and see how you feel after each of those meals. Feeling energetic, feeling happy is great, feeling lethargic, bloated and gassy is not.

Last but not least, get in the movement, walk more, exercise daily, drink a lot of water and sleep well.

Weight loss is not the job of one single thing. If you look at the above mentioned collectively and manage it well, nothing can stop you from getting you to your desired weight.

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SOULFUL

Navigating total freedom, peace and love

To commit oneself to freedom and to find out what love is - those are the only two things that matter - freedom and that thing called 'love'. Without total freedom there cannot possibly be love; and a serious man is committed to these two things only, and to nothing else. Freedom implies - does it not? - that the mind frees itself totally from all conditioning. That is, to uncondition itself - from being a Hindu, a Sikh, a Muslim, a Christian or a Communist - the mind must be in complete freedom - because this division between man as the Hindu, the Buddhist, the Muslim, the Christian, or the American, the Communist, the Socialist, the Capitalist, and so on, has brought disaster, confusion, misery, wars.

So what is necessary first of all is for the mind to free itself from conditioning. You may say it is not possible. If you say it is not possible, then there is no way out. It is like a man living in a prison and saying, "I cannot get out". All that he can do is decorate the prison, polish it, make it more comfortable, more convenient, limit himself and his activities within the four walls of his own making. There are many who say it is not possible - the whole Communist world says it is not possible, therefore let us condition the mind in a different way, brainwash it first, then condition it according to the Communist system. And the religious people have done exactly the same thing, from childhood they are brainwashed and conditioned to believe they are Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims, Catholics. Religions talk about love and freedom, but they insist on conditioning the mind. So if you say man is not capable of freeing himself from his conditioning, then you have no problem. Then you accept the prison and live in the prison, with the wars, with the confusion, with the conflicts, with the misery, the agony and the loneliness of life, with its violence, brutality and hatred; which is what you actually do. But if you say, 'it must be possible to uncondition the mind', then we can go into it; then we are together - not some authority leading you to it, not the speaker taking your hand and leading you step by step, because when there is freedom there is no authority. Freedom is at the beginning as well as at the end, and if you accept an authority at the beginning, you will always be a slave at the end. So one has to enquire together in freedom; please do understand this. The speaker is not telling you what to do, not setting himself up as an authority - you have had authorities, all you can stomach, with all their absurdities, with all their immaturities - but if you are enquiring (and there is no authority when you enquire) then we can take the journey together, sharing together, not being led. A real scientist is not committed to any government; he has no nationality; he is not seeking an end. As a pure scientist, he is investigating objectively right to the end, without projecting his personality, his nationality, his ambitions.

So enquire into this question of freedom, not intellectually, but actually, with your blood, with your mind and with your heart! It is only in freedom that you can live, and only when there is freedom is there peace. Then in that freedom the mind has immense peace to wander; but a mind that is not free, tethered to a belief, tethered to an ambition, tethered to a family or to some petty little god of its own invention, such a mind can never understand the extraordinary beauty or the love that comes out of this freedom.

- Jiddu Krishnamurti

'Happy to be in an era where opportunities are abundant'

...says Vainidhi Jagadish, who tells us how social media has helped her connect with people, her role in *Bangalore Boys* and Ratnan Prapancha, and taking forward her film career

A SHARADHAA

THE outbreak of the second wave of Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown has pushed shooting schedules of several films. However, young talent Vainidhi Jagdish is among the few for whom social media has been a great avenue for short reel content– dances, acting, beauty tips, or anything that mirrors her current lifestyle.

The *Yaana* actor, who has two projects in the pipeline, tells us that she has been on different social media platforms to stay connected. "I have always been in the habit of taking pictures with friends and family. So it's no surprise that I love experimenting with features on social media.This lockdown I have dabbled in content creation. This has led to my collaborating with brands, with friends, and coming up with ideas to entertain people. This is done regularly because you have time on hand. Having said that, whatever I put up on social media is from my daily life which is why I have named it #LifeofVai," says Vainidhi. She adds, "I am finding happiness in doing this. However, I am not completely dependent on social media."

Ask Vainidhi, who comes from a film background, whether her presence on social media is an advantage in fetching the right kind of projects. "Not really. My offers are because of my first film *Yaana*," says Vainidhi, adding, "There are instances when people have heard about me and then gone to check my page.I got the short film *Oh Fish* through Instagram, however, all the other offers are only because of my debut."

Next in line for the actor is *Bangalore Days,* a college-based love story directed by Raj Surya. She is also a part of *Rathnan Prapancha*, a debut venture by KRG Studios, in which she is paired opposite Pramod in Rohit Padaki's directorial that also features Dhananjay and Reba Monica John. "I am left with the shooting of one song for both the films," says Vanidhi, who mentions that it was a different experience playing the role of a North Karnataka girl in *Rathnan Prapancha*. "I had to do a lot of workshops and had to learn the Hubbali-Kannada accent before shooting. It was a 10-day schedule. My role in this film is in contrast to that in *Yaana*," she says.

Vainidhi is here to stay and is serious about making her mark in cinema. "All of my life I've wanted to be in front of the camera. If not the big camera, at least a phone camera. I am someone who has been watching films since childhood. Whatever happens I want to make a mark, and I am taking it very seriously and waiting for the right opportunities. I'm taking time to make good choices," she says. Films, entrepreneurship, social service, and many other activities...Vainidhi enjoys multitasking. "What I have understood is that you need to hustle and keep working hard. Don't always depend on one stage to showcase your talent," says the youngster.

For the actor, who is a part of the millennial world, cinema is not just limited to the big screen. Vainidhi is also open to showcasing her skills on different platforms." Today the theatre screen is not the only spacewhere you get recognised. Everyone is getting an opportunity and competition is getting intense. Only the best work speaks. I am happy to be in this era where opportunities are abundant," she signs off.

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Amanda Segel to write *Games of Thrones*' prequel, *10,000 Ships*

CE FEATURES

AMANDA Segal is on board to pen the script for *10,000 Ships,* one of the *Games of Thrones* spin-off shows currently under development at HBO. Segel's filmography includes TV shows like *The Good Wife, The Mist, Person of Interest,* and *Helstrom.* She is also attached to the TV adaptation of Ubisoft's video game, *Skull and Bones*.

As per reports, *10,000 Ships* will follow the storyline of Princess Nymeria, who travelled with the Rhoynar to Dorne, the kingdom Oberyn Martell (played by Pedro Pascal) hails from, and married Lord Mors Martell. Another spin-off *9 Voyages* reportedly focuses on Lord Corlys Velaryon, the head of House Velaryon and husband to Rhaenys Targaryen.

Likewise, *House of the Dragon,* starring Paddy Considine, Olivia Cooke, Emma D'Arcy, Matt Smith, Steve Toussaint, Rhys Ifans, and Eve Best, has recently entered production. However, further details about the projects are kept under tight wraps.

Game of Thrones ended in May 2019 after an eight-season run and was met with polarising reception from fans and critics.

Dulquer Salmaan to star in R Balki's psychological thriller

CE FEATURES

DULQUER Salmaan will star in an upcoming psychological thriller directed by R Balki. The announcement was made by cinematographer PC Sreeram in a tweet.

"My next project with Balki will have Dulquer Salman. It's a psychological thriller. Eagerly waiting to start work," he wrote on Tuesday. Dulquer made his Bollywood debut in 2018 with *Karwaan.* The road-comedy film also starred Irrfan Khan and Mithila Palkar. Dulquer also appeared in *The Zoya Factor* (2019), co-starring Sonam Kapoor Ahuja. He played the role of Nikhil Khoda, a fictitious captain of the Indian cricket team.

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Chandan Shetty to release 12th single *Salige* on May 28

For the first time, the rapper and music composer has turned to funk music

CE FEATURES

NOTED rapper and music director Chandan Shetty is coming up with his next single. Titled *Salige*, this will be released on May 28, at 10 am. "*Salige* was a video song, which I shot two years ago when I was in Canada," says Chandan, who is popular for music albums such as *Halagode, 3 Peg*, *Chocolate Girl*, *Tequila*, *Fire,* and *Party Freak*. "I have always been known for my singles, while composing music for films has been a recent exploration," he says.

A rapper, who has otherwise stuck to party songs, Chandan has experimented with the funk genre for the first time. "I wanted a change, and also wanted to surprise the audience with a new kind of composition. Even though the song was ready, I waited to bring it out. I felt this is the right time since it is in trend. International artistes are into modern funk, something which was in vogue in Micheal Jackson's songs. Then came retro music. Now people are back to listening to funk music, " explains the music composer.

Chandan has taken charge of acting, directing and editing the single. "It is a self-shot video on a 360-degree camera in places like Toronto, Montreal and the Niagara falls," says Chandan, adding, "This is a whole new genre for me and the audience as well. I want all the viewers to keep their minds free and listen to the song without any expectations."

Meanwhile, Chandan, who delivered a hit album in *Pogaru,* is currently associated with a project for director Nanda Kishore, and actor Dhurva Sarja.

Home affairs

SHILAJIT MITRA

A curious casting decision animates the release of *Maharani*. In the new show, which drops tomorrow on SonyLIV, Huma Qureshi plays an illiterate homemaker who's made the Chief Minister of Bihar. Largely fictionalized by creator Subhash Kapoor and his team of writers, the series is inspired by the story of Rabri Devi, the three-time former Chief Minister of the state. This makes Sohum Shah, who plays Huma's on-screen husband, the unlikely stand-in for Lalu Prasad Yadav.

Granted, Sohum has played characters from diverse regions before, from a Maharashtrian in Tumbbad to a Gujarati in Simran and *The Big Bull*. Still, it's a little hard to reconcile the lanky and soft-voiced actor with the portly grandee of Northern politics.

"There's no direct reference for my character," Sohum clarifies when we mention the mismatch. "I watched videos of Lalu Prasad Yadav but also other politicians like Nitish Kumar. It's a mixture of different figures. It's a big, layered part actually."

Though set in Bihar, Maharani was shot between Bhopal and Mumbai. Sohum, who is from Ganganagar in Rajasthan, says he wanted to visit Bihar but couldn't. "I'm from a small town in the north so I understand the basic diction of the place. Moreover, our writers and director Karan Sharma helped me figure out the character and the world."

Maharani is Sohum's first collaboration with Huma. The two used to visit the same gym as newcomers in Mumbai. "Back then, we had a slightly different perception of each other. I knew her as the actress from Gangs of Wasseypur. We got to interact closely on Maharani. She's a fine actor and a lot of fun to work with."

At home since the new lockdown, Sohum is thrilled for his second release of the year (after *The Big Bull*). Previously, he had appeared in a smaller role in the Netflix series *Bard of Blood* (2019).

"I think the reach of OTT content is uncontested," the actor says. "I'm of the mind that if *The Big Bull* had been released in theatres it would not have been seen so widely. People who never watched movies, people who are in their 40s and 50s... even they have started streaming web shows. It's a great time for actors because we have a lot more opportunities now."

As a producer, Sohum is assembling an anthology of ten horror movies. He's also a part of Reema Kagti's upcoming Amazon series *Fallen*. "I'm playing a cop in that show so that was a joy," Sohum says. "We hope to release it by the end of this year or early next year."

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ZEE5, Netflix acquire streaming rights for *RRR*

CE FEATURS

PEN Studios has announced the digital and satellite release deal for SS Rajamouli's *RRR*. It's being pegged as the biggest post-theatrical release deal in India (around 325-330 crores).

Pen already has the North India theatrical distribution for the film. Following its run in cinemas, the action drama will premiere in four South Indian languages on ZEE5. The Hindi digital premiere, meanwhile, will be on Netflix. The foreign language premieres in English, Portugese, Korean, Turkish and Spanish will also happen on Netflix.

The satellite partners for RRR are as follows :

- Zee Cinema (Hindi), Star Vijay (Tamil), Asianet (Malayalam), Star Suvarna (Kannada) and Star Maa (Telugu).
- Produced by DVV Danayya, RRR has an official release date of October 13.
- Pen Studios will be presenting the film in Hindi and Pen Marudhar will be distributors of *RRR* across North India.
- Starring Ram Charan and Jr NTR in the lead, the film also stars g Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt, Olivia Morris and Samuthirakani. The mega-budget entertainer has music by MM Keeravani.